

1 The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in
2 regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County
3 Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada, on December 12, 2013 at
4 9:03 a.m.

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6 **PRESENT: STEVEN STIENMETZ, COMMISSIONER**
7 **BRIAN GARNER, COMMISSIONER**
8 **DAVID MASON, COMMISSIONER**
9 **PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER**
10 **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**
11 **NICOLE TING, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
12 **ROGENE HILL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**
13 **JOY SWEENEY, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**
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15 **ABSENT: DEAN BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER**
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17 Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of three
18 Commissioners prior to 9:19 a.m. and the presence of a quorum of
19 four Commissioners at 9:19 a.m. and thereafter.
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21 Let the record reflect the presence of Austin via telephone
22 conference.
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24 [Meeting commenced on December 12, 2013 at 9:03 a.m.]
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26 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. I'd like to call the
27 December 12th, 2013 meeting of the Lander County Court
28 Commission Chambers -- or in the Lander County Court Commission
29 Chambers -- of the Lander County Commissioners Meeting, Town
30 Board of Battle Mountain, and Austin Board of County Highway
31 Commissioners to order.

32 And Dave, would you lead us in the pledge, please.
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34 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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37 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE**
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39 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Now, the discussion
40 for possible action regarding Approval of the Agenda Notice.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I make a motion we approve the agenda
2 notice --

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- for December 12th, 2013.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Not December 12th, two thousand
6 -- oh, yeah, it is. Excuse me.

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: I second it.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh. All right. There's a first
9 and second.

10 Any com -- any public op -- comments?

11 (No comment.)

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Not.

13 All in favor?

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

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19 **APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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21 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
22 regarding Approval and Acceptance of the Minutes of November
23 20th, 2013 Special Session and November 21st, 2013 Regular
24 Session.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do have a correction on our Regular
26 Session, November 21st. And that will be page 111, line
27 number 23. Do need a correction on the name. It's Gina Little.

28 And I make a motion we approve the Special Session Minutes
29 November 20th and the Regular Session as amended
30 November 21st.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: I second that.

32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

33 (No comment.)

34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

37 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

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1 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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3 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Commissioner Reports on meetings,
4 conferences and seminars attended. Dave.

5 COMMISSIONER MASON: I lost it. Hang on a minute.

6 I attended two meetings, both yesterday.

7 The first one was a Newmont meeting for projections and
8 discussion about net proceeds and more for the coming year,
9 2014. And I know that Steve was there. So I'll let him work on
10 the numbers. I have one thing to note. The -- as they're
11 settling down, as Newmont's settling down on their new copper
12 leach program, they're anticipating 24 million pounds of
13 constant -- or constant of copper as it's -- as the system
14 settles in. And that's -- that's amazing.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yep.

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: And that's -- that's amazing.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yep. Twenty-four million a year.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: They're also settled down with their
19 employment about 485 regular at the Phoenix Project here in our
20 county.

21 And I also attended at 6:00 o'clock last night the Planning
22 Commission's regular meeting. There was -- there was a road and
23 easement dispute with private party. No action was taken.
24 Approved a lot split, which will be before us today. Deferred a
25 -- deferred an agenda item because there was nobody here to
26 represent it.

27 And then the Lander County code change. That is in the
28 process of being reviewed by an outside company. And then the
29 options and the projections of that review will be available to
30 us, as commissioners, sometime within the next 90 days, so we
31 can look at our code book and what they've recommended. And if
32 anybody wants to know further on that, that's Gina Little's on
33 that program.

34 That's all I have.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Dave. Patsy.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. On November 25th, I did
37 have two conference calls regarding our RMP with the Bureau of
38 Land Management and one with the four counties that are working
39 with the RMP. Actually, we seem to be about the same. Getting
40 our information in. We still have time for the review and

1 comments through the end of January. So it's pretty much on
2 target.

3 The letter that we approved last month was a bit on the
4 negative tide, saying we don't think you're listening to us. So
5 we definitely want one-on-one meetings. And they are stilling
6 telling us that they'll be happy to do that.

7 On December 2nd, we had a Public Lands Meeting in Austin.
8 I missed that as I was in route to another conference. I was
9 hoping if Ray was on, he might be able to give us an update, at
10 some point in the public comment, of what they did, because I
11 haven't seen any notes on it yet.

12 On December 3rd, 4th and 5th, I did attend the Governor's
13 conference on tourism in Las Vegas. And this was not
14 representing the county so there's no additional expense. I
15 went because tourism is one of my interests and loves. And they
16 celebrated their 30th anniversary. Some excellent speakers.
17 And things I've actually brought back, we'll be incorporating
18 with the county with some new information.

19 On December 6th, there was a Nevada Land Management Task
20 Force meeting. I do have that on the agenda, so I'm going to
21 hold up on my comments to that for Agenda Item 22.

22 On 12/9, there was an Austin Airport Meeting scheduled. I
23 did go, but I was the only one that showed up. So -- so I can't
24 really give too much of a report because nothing was really done
25 at the meeting; however, we did receive some information on our
26 correspondence from JUB to keep us up-to-date. The Austin
27 fueling system plans and specs were actually finished. The
28 verbiage was already approved by the DA and had gone to Cormany
29 to review everything. So if my memory serves me right, we
30 actually paid that bill last time we met. So I'm hoping they
31 will have that review back for us soon, get that in to JUB our
32 engineers, so that we can be looking at going out to bid

33 On 12/13, tomorrow, I have a Central Nevada Regional Water
34 Authority meeting in Fallon.

35 And the last update on NACO, we've received some
36 correspondence. But I wanted to let you know, for the record,
37 that the criminal complaint has been filed against the
38 Department of Interior on the BL -- BLM for the Wild Horse and
39 Burro Act. And they are in non-compliance. And that's been
40 filed. Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Patsy.

2 I -- Tuesday night, I had a LEPC meeting. We were one
3 short of having a quorum. So we didn't get to do much there.
4 That was mainly, I think, a lot of people were at other
5 functions that night. And it was pretty cold.

6 I'm going to the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority
7 meeting tomorrow in Fallon.

8 I attended the Newmont -- meeting with Newmont yesterday.
9 And they gave us some numbers. But they actually asked us not
10 to give them out because it's a guess. I mean, they don't --
11 they know how much they're going to produce. Yeah, they're
12 going to produce -- what was it? -- 24 million pounds of copper
13 every year or as close to it as they can. They know how much
14 gold they're going to produce, and all this is according to
15 their mining plans. But the biggest problem is, they don't know
16 how much it's going to cost them to get the gold out of the
17 ground and process it or what they're going to get for the gold.
18 It's two different balls that they've got to look into. And so,
19 I mean, they feel -- the net proceeds should be about the same
20 next year, something -- down -- well, a little bit down. But
21 part of it is because -- what's that?

22 ROGENE HILL: They have a credit.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, well, they have a credit.
24 But I'm just saying --

25 ROGENE HILL: 3.5 million.

26 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- you know, I mean. They have a
27 credit with the state. So it's going to be down that much. But
28 the total net proceeds are still going to be the same. It's the
29 fact that they already paid us so much ahead of time.

30 ROGENE HILL: Because it's projected.

31 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, of the projected amounts,
32 which makes it hard for them. But they're -- so it's kind of
33 hard. And their (indiscernible) because -- and sales and use
34 tax. They're not buying anything. Phoenix has pretty well
35 purchased everything they need for their expansions and
36 everything like that. So that's going to be coming down as
37 depreciation decreases and everything. So it's kind of hard to
38 look in that crystal ball and figure out exactly what it's going
39 to be. But it's there. And if they change -- I guess they are
40 going to change from net proceeds to excise tax. Is that what

1 that one --

2 ROGENE HILL: That's on the --

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And the only difference will be
4 is one day it's called net proceeds. The next day it'll be
5 called excise tax. Other than that, everything's basically the
6 same except for in the excise, it doesn't take -- it only takes
7 a majority to change that. Not like it used to take to change
8 the state -- because before it was a constitutional thing. And
9 it more -- it took more to require to change it. And that's all
10 I have.

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13 **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

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15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now, shall we go on to discussion
16 for possible action regarding Payment of the Bills. We have the
17 bill lady.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Jane.

19 JANE BIANCHI: I have a couple to ratify: Check #46504 in
20 the amount of \$153 to Raul Ceja; Check #46505 in the amount of
21 \$81.28 to Chase Card Services.

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23 (Commissioners reviewing Payment of the Bills)

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25 **Chase Card Service**

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27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we ratify
28 Check #046505 for \$81.28 to Chase Card Service.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

31 (No comment.)

32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

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37 **Raul Ceja**

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39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we ratify
40 Check #046504 for \$153 to Paul [sic] Ceja, Jr.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll second that.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
3 (No comment.)
4 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
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9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that we ratify the
10 submitted expenditures from Check #46555 through 46674,
11 \$1,383,178.90.

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Do you want to abstain from the check
13 in there to you?

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, I do. Thank you. And I do need
15 to abstain from Check #46666 for travel expenses.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do you have to abstain from any?

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, I second that.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh. Any public comment?
19 (No comment.)

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

21 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye. Working a little slow here.
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26 **PAYROLL CHANGE REQUESTS**
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28 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's move on to
29 discussion for possible action regarding payroll change
30 requests. We have five. I just lost it all.

31 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: There you go.

32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We have one for Employee #1306,
33 new hire, Finance Director; one for Employee #1459, new hire,
34 Part-time Gatekeeper; one for Employee #1312, new hire, Deputy
35 Recorder I; and four is for Employee #1360, new hire, Part-time
36 Office Manager Trainee; and the fifth one is for Employee #1350,
37 new hire, Part-time Communication Service Officer.

38 ROGENE HILL: You need to -- before you approve that one,
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40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh, we --

1 ROGENE HILL: -- it's on the agenda.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.
3 ROGENE HILL: So you need to go back.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. We need to wait and
5 --
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you want to wait on the whole thing
7 or just do the four?
8 ROGENE HILL: Just the one is all you need.
9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I make a motion that we approve
11 the Employee Change Requests for Employee #1306, Employee #1459,
12 Employee #1312, and Employee #1360.
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'd like to know -- before I second
14 that, I'd like to know what a Part-time Gatekeeper does.
15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: He's the one that sits out at the
16 dump and checks people in and out.
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: I got it. I second that motion.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
19 (No comment.)
20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
23 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

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26 PUBLIC COMMENT

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28 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Now --
29 We'll go to non-agendized items -- public comment for
30 non-agendized items only. Do we have any?

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32 (Commissioner Garner entered chambers.)

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34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: If not, we'll go on to Item
35 Number 1.

1 FINANCE

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3 1) Discussion for possible action regarding budget review,
4 contracts, financial update and other matters properly
5 related thereto.
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7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
8 regarding budget review, contracts, financial update and other
9 matters properly related thereto.

10 ROGENE HILL: Good morning.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Good morning.

13 ROGENE HILL: Okay. First off is accounts receivable for
14 the month of November is as follows: water \$15,042; sewer,
15 \$13,060; water and sewer miscellaneous, \$97,428 -- that's due to
16 the apartments on Lemaire. And a check has been submitted for
17 most of that -- landfill, \$16,222; ambulance \$870; active
18 accounts at collections, \$9,723, for a total accounts receivable
19 of 152,165.

20 Interviews for the Community Services Officer was held on
21 Tuesday, December 3rd.

22 Interviews for the Executive Director were held on Monday
23 December 9th.

24 At the end of the interviews, the committee chose three
25 candidates that we will do background checks on and then do
26 another interview session. The committee is in hopes of having
27 a recommendation to the Commission by the end of January, if all
28 goes well, I should say.

29 As was mentioned earlier, we met with Newmont
30 representatives yesterday, discussing what our taxes, along with
31 net proceeds, will look like for the FY '14/'15 budget years.
32 Basically, no projects are on the horizon for the next three
33 years, which will offset sales tax and also unsecured taxes.

34 Created the resolution for the Title 3 selection, which
35 will be presented to you at the January 9th Commission Meeting
36 for approval.

37 Let's see, as you are aware, ambulance billings and
38 collections is now handled by the hospital. In reviewing our
39 current accounts receivable at the collection agency, we will be
40 writing off most accounts, as we have not received any payments

1 within the last six months. We'll bring that before you at the
2 January 9th what the actual write-off will be.

3 Also, we've had a few issues at the office. Jana from the
4 Family Resource Center has been sending people over to the Annex
5 Office, basically, that have delinquent utility bills. I called
6 Sandy and talked with Sandy. Whenever they had the split,
7 Family Resource took on the CSBG grant, which is basically for
8 that purpose. And Family Resource has that grant. Not for sure
9 if they applied for it this last year. I think that basically
10 because we are holding up the payment for the --

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Grant.

12 ROGENE HILL: Yes. The grant payment. Yes. So I think
13 that that's where all this is stemming from.

14 Sandy was going to get ahold of Jana this morning. She had
15 advised, I believe, yesterday that they were to not send them
16 over to the annex. They would go to her if they needed to
17 handle at the Family Resource Center. So basically, hopefully
18 that is being taken care of. And that's all I have.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's move on to Item
22 Number 2.

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24 2) Discussion for possible action regarding direction by the
25 Lander County Board of Commissioners for the FY 2014-2015
26 budget and other matters properly related thereto.
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28 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
29 regarding direction by the Lander County Board of Commissioners
30 for the FY 2014-2015 budget and other matters properly related
31 thereto.

32 ROGENE HILL: Basically, this is the time that we come
33 before the Commissioners to ask for direction so we can bring
34 forward to the elected officials and department heads of the
35 desire of the Commission.

36 It seems like probably you want to keep -- I would advise
37 that you keep your operations, other than anything that is out
38 of the ordinary that needs to be addressed, looking at our PERS
39 increase and also our 4% increase for employees.

40 So I will just lay that on the table for you, but we're

1 looking for direction.
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: How do you want to word that?
3 ROGENE HILL: It's that time of year.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I would -- my feeling is that we
5 do just like what you said, which is to basically keep it the
6 same way we've done it.
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that a motion?
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, he's just --
9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We don't need to make a motion.
10 ROGENE HILL: Discussion.
11 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It's just direction.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- discussing.
13 ROGENE HILL: Yes, --
14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You guys don't agree with what
15 I'm saying, --
16 ROGENE HILL: We're just looking for direction.
17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- then you need to put out
18 something, and we'll talk about it.
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you have something that -- that you
20 remember we haven't been able to -- to pay for because of the
21 budget. So we haven't approved something that would be
22 monumental that we need to take a look at that would be a little
23 bit different?
24 ROGENE HILL: No, no.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Not really.
26 ROGENE HILL: No. You know, we basically all budgets will
27 be submitted. We do our workshop the middle of March. And
28 basically, that's when, you know, your projects and will be late
29 --
30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Those things can be --
31 ROGENE HILL: --this year.
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is it --
33 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right now you starting saying
34 you're going to have a 4% increase in your wages.
35 ROGENE HILL: Yep. And adjust the PERS.
36 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Adjust the PERS.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I was thinking about the cemetery and
38 --
39 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, that's a capital project.
40 And that comes in --

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: A little bit different.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- under a separate item that
3 will be budgeted. Right now we're just looking at the basics of
4 how we're going --
5 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Just in general.
6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Grace will have to present that
7 to us --
8 ROGENE HILL: Exactly.
9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- on what she wants to increase
10 that to. And then we can approve it or disapprove it at that
11 time.
12 ROGENE HILL: Yes.
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Is there anything that we need to do
14 with this for Nan to help her assistance. Is there anything we
15 need to add in there?
16 ROGENE HILL: No, we will doing a budget augment for all
17 the changes that we've had. That will probably be at the second
18 meeting in January. We'll be --
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So she'll get involved in all that?
20 ROGENE HILL: Yes, absolutely. Yes. Yes.
21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I don't see any --
22 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I don't see anything different.
23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: If she doesn't need anything. And,
24 you know. As long as she doesn't -- if she's good with it, and
25 you're good with it, I'm good with it.
26 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: So am I.
27 ROGENE HILL: Then we'll move forward as usual.
28 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: So directed.
29 ROGENE HILL: Okay.
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
31 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.
32 ROGENE HILL: Uh-huh.

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35 **BUILDING**

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37 3) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
38 **projects for the Building Department and other matters**
39 **properly related thereto.**
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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Item Number 3, discussion for
2 possible action regarding operations and projects of the
3 Building Department and other matters properly related thereto.

4 JOE LINDSEY: Good morning.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good morning, Joe.

6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Good morning, Joe.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning, Joe.

8 JOE LINDSEY: Joe Lindsey, Building Department.

9 For the month of November 2013 the Building Department
10 issued 26 new permits. We had two non-permitted inspections.

11 Our ongoing projects, the big ones, are the Newmont lab.
12 They're getting real close to being finished on that. So I'm
13 going out today to do an electrical inspection.

14 Our south county, we've got the Verizon tower. I think
15 they're pretty close to wrapped up with that. They just added a
16 few more antennas onto an existing tower. And hopefully, you
17 guys will be seeing a little better service down there.

18 Presently, we have 11 open construction building permits in
19 the south county. And that covers everything from Kingston
20 through Reese River.

21 Ramps at the Austin Town Hall have been completed. A
22 little bit of work needs to be finished up on the handrails to
23 make them ADA complaint. And I've spoken with the contractor
24 about that. He's probably going to wait until the weather warms
25 up a little bit to take care of that.

26 The ADA-accessible sidewalk to the rear door of the Austin
27 Courthouse was completed early -- early fall, I guess, you would
28 call it. Contractor did a good job on widening that sidewalk.

29 The airport, the ADA ramp requirements have been given to
30 Burt at the Road and Bridge Department for construction.
31 Actually, met with Burt at the airstrip on November 26th to
32 review the requirements, so he has a real good idea of what
33 needs to be done there. I don't know if he plans to modify the
34 existing ramp that's out there or if he's going to go with steel
35 construction. At this point, that's kind of up to him. But it
36 is hopefully in the works. I haven't heard anything back from
37 him since I met with him that day.

38 On December 9th -- your handout actually says December 9th
39 and 10th -- but on December 9th, Anna and I attended our
40 mandated manufactured housing training in Elko. We only had to

1 perform eight hours annually. But they were hiring two new
2 inspectors for the state, and so we just got in on that -- that
3 training. And we were released -- having to come back on the
4 10th. So we were thankful for that. And that's all I've got.
5 Anybody got any questions?

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I don't have anything.

7 JOE LINDSEY: Anybody make it warm up out there?

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Crazy.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Turn the thermostat up when you
10 leave.

11 JOE LINDSEY: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Joe.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thanks, Joe.

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16 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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18 **4) Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
19 **projects for the IT Department and other matters properly**
20 **related thereto.**

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22 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Item 4, discussion for possible
23 action regarding operations and projects for the IT Department
24 and other matters properly related thereto.

25 JUSTIN MOORE: Justin Moore with the IT department.

26 Good morning, Commissioners.

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Good morning.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good morning.

30 JUSTIN MOORE: As you were just mentioning, turn up the
31 thermostat a little bit out there to make it warmer. We've got
32 some pretty drastic weather changes here. And it's caused a lot
33 of power outages with the building. So we're going to be
34 looking into purchasing a generator at least for the servers and
35 such.

36 One of the outages caused a hardware failure. So we lost
37 down time, lost some money on that, and potentially could have
38 lost data, but thankfully didn't go that extreme.

39 The routine maintenance on the new installations of all the
40 new computers, they're moving smoothly. I think I've only got

1 three or four more machines to replace as far as old machines
2 being replaced with new machines to get them on a uniform
3 platform, as far as hardware and operation operating systems.

4 We've got a large format laminator for the use of the
5 various departments for the laminating maps or posters for the
6 clerk's office. We got some orders already for doing some
7 laminating. It also has a cutter. So if you have odd shapes
8 that need to be done -- I'm not saying we can be as high speed
9 as the school district is at laminating things. But we can take
10 care of laminating to preserve maps. I know there's some in
11 Austin that probably should be copied and laminated.

12 Be assisting the Road Department to acquire a sign
13 plotter/cutter to fabricate the signs in house. Right now, I
14 believe that's outsourced. So what they're going to do is
15 purchase templates. And then they'll have their own cutter. So
16 they can do their own wording and make their own signs. And all
17 they've got to do is buy the reflective material and then put
18 the labels on the signs. So that will be brought in-house.

19 Two-day servers have arrived for the digital archiving
20 project. It's going to be a long ongoing project. There's
21 going to be a lot of training involved. And there will be
22 personnel assigned to the scanning and digitizing of the
23 existing documents that are in the archives for various offices.
24 We're waiting for one scanner to arrive for Sadie's office.

25 And since the implementation of the Sophos appliance, the
26 bandwidth internally in the building has gone up. It's not
27 usually something I can quantify. But in this instance, I went
28 back and I looked at the averages, and it's 40%. And that's
29 quite a bit when you look at the overall usage in the building.
30 That's a lot. And since then we haven't had any customers
31 complaining about the Error 404s, not able to reach the Lander
32 County website when they're looking up property records or doing
33 tax assessments, things like that. No more calls since then.
34 So that's been a success.

35 We're able to do the map printing and duplication for the
36 engineer and the other departments as needed. And it seems like
37 that's working out for everybody. Getting good reviews.
38 Haven't had a bad map yet. I've made a bad map, but I didn't
39 have to give it to anybody.

40 The judge requested a wireless access point upstairs for

1 exclusive use of the DA, the District Court, the Justice Court
2 and any of the visiting entities, such as the lawyers and other
3 related peoples, to have a secured means, not just accessing the
4 open wi-fi that's upstairs which is unsecured. They can't
5 really send any confidential information over it. So we'll be
6 setting that up.

7 The Volunteer Fire Department access point has been
8 repaired. They are -- they're separate from the hospital. They
9 don't run on their network per se. They have their own piece of
10 equipment. But in the end, it does tie into what the hospital
11 uses. So I worked with the hospital, worked with Dan, got in
12 the building, and fixed that up.

13 The Connect Nevada Project is not moving along very fast.
14 A lot of the promises that they've said they were going have
15 done by now, a lot of the equipment they said that they were
16 going to send to Austin, they haven't sent. So I put that on
17 warp speed tortoise. It is not moving very fast at all. And I
18 don't see it going anywhere quick. I don't think they have the
19 same desire to have it done as fast as the people in Austin
20 would like to have it done. It's just -- I get a hollow feeling
21 from them. They don't -- they don't care. It's just a small
22 town to them. They're in Las Vegas. You're in Austin. And
23 they don't return calls.

24 That's pretty much it. Just working on everything else.
25 Thank you to department heads and the elected officials for your
26 expedient notifications and providing accommodations and
27 hospitality for giving me the time to work on everything in your
28 office and intruding when I did. And Merry Christmas and have a
29 Happy New Year.

30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. I just have a quick
33 question, Justin. And I know we're revising our personnel
34 handbook and updating everything. And we had asked for some
35 guidelines working with our new technology. So you were going
36 to do some research for us, I believe, on what some of the other
37 counties were doing. So that's kind of ongoing for you --

38 JUSTIN MOORE: Right.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- to do coming up; right?

40 JUSTIN MOORE: Right. And the draft actually contains a

1 sufficient amount to get us going right now. And then there'll
2 just be addendums to it or an entirely separate IT policy is
3 what we're looking at, actually, I think, is going to be the way
4 to go.

5 The other counties, some of them are up to speed and some
6 of them are not. The state is overreaching for what would be
7 used here. It would be too restrictive. So I'm modifying that
8 as we go along. But I'll probably present the draft shortly
9 after the New Year around February, March, after I speak with
10 all the department heads and contact them and see what's going
11 on.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good. Thank you.

13 JUSTIN MOORE: The draft personnel policy I looked at it
14 myself seems to be okay so far.

15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: On --

17 MARK BRETHAUER: I want to thank Justin for his assistance.
18 He helped us put the SOQ on our website there so the
19 advertisement was listed. And he did a great job pushing that
20 for me. So thank you, Justin.

21 JUSTIN MOORE: You're welcome.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: On our -- on the towers for Austin,
23 getting the Internet down there, what's the distance between
24 towers? What I mean -- what's the average?

25 JUSTIN MOORE: Oh, it --

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Eight miles? Forty miles?

27 JUSTIN MOORE: It can go farther than that. It depends on
28 how much power they're pumping into it and what type of system
29 they're using. Right now, the way that it goes, is it seems to
30 be every 75 miles or so. If I -- judging the map distance
31 correctly, going up from Las Vegas through the various valleys
32 north as they're spreading out.

33 Somebody just recently put in a tower in Kingston to bring
34 cell service. And that was -- that was a big step right there.
35 So I'm trying to figure out who that provider is. And how come
36 they got theirs done so fast? And why is this other company
37 kind of, you know, stone walling it?

38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where's the new one?

39 JUSTIN MOORE: Depending on what the equipment is.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Verizon did it.

1 JUSTIN MOORE: It can be ten miles. It can be almost a
2 hundred if there's a clear line of sight.
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: So there's a new tower in Kingston.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The Kingston --
5 JUSTIN MOORE: Right. For cellular service.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: So for cellular.
7 JUSTIN MOORE: So they can get 3G.
8 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that for internet too?
9 JUSTIN MOORE: Yes. If they have those devices that are
10 capable.
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: And can -- is there a tower in Austin
12 that can tie in to that?
13 JUSTIN MOORE: Right now they're in the middle of up
14 grading it. I went on meetings with Sheriff Ungar and the
15 undersheriff and Gina and a representative from AT&T to look at
16 the property to see if they can actually fit the materials that
17 they need and get the equipment up there. I believe they have
18 located that. Where they're at on that project, I don't know.
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh. Okay.
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: This -- is this --
21 JUSTIN MOORE: It's right above --
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: This isn't the AT&T tower? This is a
23 Verizon tower?
24 JUSTIN MOORE: No. I think it's an AT&T guy.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It is the AT&T tower?
26 JUSTIN MOORE: I believe. And I might be wrong. He was a
27 real fast talker. He was a sale person.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I thought the AT&T tower was actually
29 leasing from the Austin Water and Sewer Board.
30 JUSTIN MOORE: I'm not sure how that's working.
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay.
32 JUSTIN MOORE: I went up there and just helped out Robert.
33 MARK BRETHAUER: We just got two sets of plans in. And
34 they're from AT&T.
35 JUSTIN MOORE: That's --
36 MARK BRETHAUER: Apparently they're going to start
37 attaching some of their own cell tower itself infrastructure to
38 existing towers. And there was two locations between here and
39 Austin, I guess, that they were -- I guess, working with another
40 company. Existing cell phone towers were being -- they were

1 attaching new electronics to that in order to --
2 JUSTIN MOORE: That -- that sounds kind of like --
3 MARK BRETHAUER: -- send their system.
4 JUSTIN MOORE: -- what was going on. They did mention
5 putting up a 20-foot pole and some of their own equipment. I
6 don't know where that stands, as far as -- I'd have to get with
7 the undersheriff because it has to do with the radios too, part
8 of their new digital radio system. So that was brought up in
9 the discussion also.
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I know they just put a new tower on
11 Moses. Big one. Verizon. It's not up yet, but it's on there.
12 JUSTIN MOORE: Cool. That will help out.
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Which will help shoot down into
14 Austin.
15 JUSTIN MOORE: Yeah. You're just in that -- that valley of
16 no signal. You got signal, --
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We love it.
18 JUSTIN MOORE: -- you get in to town, and it's gone.
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
20 JUSTIN MOORE: Any other questions?
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.
22 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

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25 **ENGINEER**

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27 5) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
28 **projects of the Lander County Engineer and other matters**
29 **properly related thereto.**
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31 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We'll go to Item Number 5,
32 discussion for possible action regarding operations and projects
33 of the Lander County Engineer and other matters properly related
34 thereto.
35 Mark.
36 MARK BRETHAUER: Good morning, everybody.
37 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good morning, Mark.
38 MARK BRETHAUER: Mark Brethauer.
39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How are you?
40 MARK BRETHAUER: I'm hoping you guys all got your fancy

1 little colored sheets in the packets.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: The black and white.

3 MARK BRETHER: We don't have to hand those out this time.

4 All right. We'll start at the top again and just kind of
5 go through them here.

6 Top of the list here was the History Dally Water and Sewer
7 Replacement Project. And it's still ongoing. As you may
8 remember from the last report, the fog sealing of the AC patches
9 was the only item left on the punch list. And the contractor
10 was trying to coordinate that work with all the paving at the
11 Argenta Rim Complex. But of course, the weather kicked in and
12 caused them a problem out there. So we didn't get the fog
13 sealing performed on our alleyway project. But I'm still
14 holding 5% retention until that -- on our project -- until that
15 work's been completed. And typically the one year warrants
16 doesn't begin until after the retention has been released.

17 Speaking of warranties, typically when a CIP project has
18 been permitted, which this one was not, the permit software has
19 a built-in feature that will remind you at approximately the
20 11th month that the warranty is about to expire. Once the
21 inspectors and project managers have been notified by the
22 software, at least one last inspection of the project can be
23 performed. Until we determine if this feature is available with
24 the version of software we have, we will just simple place a
25 notification on our calendars at the 11th month. And then
26 we'll go out and do a final inspection. Not really a whole lot
27 to see on a water and sewer project, you know, maybe where a
28 patch is sunk or a valve box is broken up or something like
29 that. But we'll leave this on the calendar so we'll know at a
30 11th month to go out and do that inspection.

31 On the Well #9 project, we just completed our review of the
32 95% plans for the new well building and associated pipeline.
33 The new pump and motor have been sized. And we will be
34 advertising for quotes in the next week or so.

35 The signed parcel map for the 20-acre site was approved
36 yesterday at the Planning Commission meeting and will be before
37 you today for final approval during discussion of agenda Item
38 Number 15. Included with this project was the need to provide
39 NV Energy with an easement across our 20-acre parcel at Well 7
40 and 8 locations in order to extend the power to the new Well 9

1 location. This will be addressed in Agenda Item Number 18. A
2 65-foot wide easement was also provided to Lander County by New
3 Nevada Lands in other words to access the new Well #9 location.
4 And this was actually recorded earlier this week on Monday.
5 Adjacent to the 65-foot wide easement, there's an additional
6 15-foot wide easement that New Nevada Lands has granted to NV
7 Energy for the power line that will extend from the Well #7 and
8 8 locations to the new Well #9 site. We've also prepared the
9 Purchase and Sales Agreement with New Nevada Lands for
10 acquisition of the 20-acre parcel and that's going to be
11 addressed under Items 16 and 17. Essentially what we did there
12 is we basically just mirrored what was done previously for the
13 purchases of the 16 and for the well site for Wells 17 and 18 --
14 or for Wells 7 and 8. Sorry.

15 Um, 2013/'14 water sewer replacement project, we just
16 completed our review of the 95% plan set. And as you can see
17 from the chart, the bidding process is set to begin later this
18 month and into early January. I've also updated and approved a
19 number of the technical specifications and special conditions of
20 the typical bid document we have been using in an effort to make
21 this project flow much smoother and in certain situations help
22 benefit the county and not the contractor or consultants. An
23 example is the addition of pothole specification.

24 Mountain View Golf Course Expansion. Work on the project
25 continues. Our staff has spent the last few weeks doing the
26 best they could to test and evaluate the condition and
27 production capabilities of the three existing wells in order to
28 determine if they can support the proposed improvements. It was
29 determined that the two existing wells have very low production
30 capability and significant draw downs in order to provide the
31 amount of water required. The third well was abandoned a number
32 of years ago because it produced too much sand and was
33 eventually abandoned. I was informed that a company called
34 Hydro Resources attempted to rehabilitate this well but was
35 unsuccessful. A list of alternatives and their associated costs
36 will be provided along with preliminary plans in the next few
37 weeks so we can discuss it maybe at the next board meeting.

38 On the cemetery fencing project, I know that was mentioned
39 earlier, as you all remember this project was put out to bid
40 last August, and we received only one quote which was almost

1 twice what the architects estimate was. I'm sure everybody
2 understands that when companies are busy that bids are few and
3 prices are high and just the opposite occurs when the market is
4 reversed. But there are still those companies out there that
5 want to provide a quote thinking we might just be desperate
6 enough to accept it. That being said, we just decided to take a
7 second look at the project and speak to a couple different
8 fencing companies to see if maybe there was some places where we
9 could make some changes that may help reduce the overall cost of
10 the project. Suggestions included such things as using more --
11 a more common prefabricated fence panel instead of the custom
12 panels that were originally specified by the architect. This
13 would have a potential for allowing more -- a broader range of
14 fence companies to be able to bid on the project.

15 Another cost reduction option we considered was including
16 changing the panel sizes from six-foot to eight-foot wide;
17 thereby, reducing the steel fence post footings that would be
18 required, so as a cost-saving measure.

19 Grace is here to speak about how those options changed the
20 overall estimate of the project as well as provide some other
21 cost-saving options that we may want to consider. So I'll let
22 her expand on that during the Agenda Item Number 10 when it
23 comes up.

24 Austin Visitors Center Project. Construction now is
25 approximately 67% complete. And the weather slowed construction
26 slightly with a substantial completion now expected now near
27 mid-January. I'm still involved with the various inspections
28 when required. And I handle all the monthly pay applications
29 with NDOT thereby eliminating the need for the consultants to
30 travel to the site to do that work.

31 The website is still being updated with photos regarding
32 the progress of the work, in case anybody is interested in
33 looking at that.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: What was the percentage of completion
35 on the Austin project?

36 MARK BRETHER: They're thinking 60, 65% at this point.
37 That's about what the last pay application came in at.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: Can you -- can we instruct staff to
39 put it on the agenda, the Austin project, for maintenance?
40 We're going to have to have some maintenance down there.

1 MARK BRETHAUER: Oh. Right. Right. Because I guess
2 that's a 24 hour, 365 day year operation.
3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It will have to be in the budget.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, it will have to be put in
5 the budget this year.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, we need to discuss it too.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right.
8 COMMISSIONER MASON: What kind of maintenance we need or if
9 we want to lock it up. Can the janitor handle it? Whatever.
10 So --
11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: When it comes near completion all
12 that will come up.
13 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah. We'll have to bring it --
14 MARK BRETHAUER: Right.
15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- forth on things just before
16 it's completed.
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: All right.
18 MARK BRETHAUER: Yeah. January. Good time to talk about
19 that.
20 On the Interstate 80 Pedestrian Bridge, as I'm sure
21 everyone remembers, I suggested using the Request for Statements
22 of Qualifications process in order to obtain a consultant or
23 consultants that could be utilized for a project of this
24 magnitude. Some of it was supposed to be done on the courthouse
25 project. The SOQs were due last Friday. Received over 40 from
26 various consulting firms from around the area. I'll be sorting
27 through them over the next week or so and cataloging and
28 preparing for them for review and evaluation.
29 Um, some of the other miscellaneous projects I'm working on
30 include -- we're still waiting for the plans for the new CXT
31 restroom/concession stand at the racetrack to be reviewed and
32 approved by Cormany. And it should be forthcoming really soon.
33 The application for the new septic system has been approved by
34 the state and plans have been provided to a couple of local
35 contractors for quotes to do the septic work as well as
36 preparation of the building pad and the installation of the
37 water and electrical service lines. So we're waiting for those
38 quotes to come back.
39 The plan review process for the Turquoise Hills subdivision
40 has finally been completed. The plans were approved on

1 November 26. And we'll be working with Joe to set up the permit
2 for all the inspections required for that project.

3 All the inspections continue for the on-site civil
4 improvements at the Argenta Rim Apartments. The new water meter
5 assembly was installed and inspected. And all the new domestic
6 water and fire service lines were flushed and passed the
7 bacteria test. And I want to thank Jake for his help in
8 assisting in all the testing out there and the sampling and that
9 kind of thing.

10 We were waiting for comments from Cormany for the new fuel
11 station at the Austin Airport. So we haven't received those
12 comments back yet.

13 We did have a kickoff meeting with JUB for the Battle
14 Mountain Airport Master Plan on November 19th.

15 We also just received a draft copy of the meeting minutes
16 for review and comment. So once the final version arrives, we
17 will -- I'll make a copy for everybody so they can see what took
18 place at the meeting. I know Dave was there and appreciate your
19 attendance at that meeting as well.

20 I've now updated approximately 40 of the 74 CAD versions of
21 the Orange Book details that we would like to adopt for Lander
22 County. This includes all the general-type details. Sanitary,
23 sewer, water, and reclaim water are the sections of the details.
24 I provided them to all of our staff for review and asked that
25 all comments be returned by December 18th. The remaining
26 sections include design details for storm drainage and street
27 design work. I will present the first 40 details to the
28 Commissioners at the next meeting so you guys will have a chance
29 to look at them and bless them for us so we can adopt them for
30 the county. And then we'll do the second half once we get
31 through all of the street and storm drain portions of them.

32 That's all I have for now, in case anybody has any
33 questions or concerns? Comments?

34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Nope.

35 MARK BRETHAUER: Everything's good?

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.

37 MARK BRETHAUER: Okay.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Mark.

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you, Mark.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's move on to Item Number 6.

1 ROAD AND BRIDGE SOUTH

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3 6) Discussion for possible action regarding operations and
4 projects for the Road and Bridge South Department and other
5 matters properly related thereto.
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7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
8 regarding operation and projects of the Road and Bridge South
9 Department and other matters properly related thereto.

10 Are you on, Burt?

11 BURT RAMOS: Yeah, I'm here.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

13 BURT RAMOS: Can you hear me?

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yes.

15 BURT RAMOS: Okay. Good deal. How's everybody?

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Good.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Good. How are you doing?

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good.

19 BURT RAMOS: Good. Lately we've been trying to beat this
20 weather. You know, we had a lot of cold weather and the snow
21 pack. If anybody drives over the snow, it's really hard to
22 break. But we got all of our streets cleared, and now we're
23 working on all the outlying roads mainly.

24 During this cold, it's hard on big equipment. So we got
25 our Christmas lights up. NV Energy came out and helped us out
26 and now we got the lights off the poles for us. We appreciated
27 that.

28 And I'm working on the road mapping with Summit to get some
29 of our right-of-ways cleared up on our main roads here, so we
30 can hopefully use some that money we have left over from our
31 paving budget to pave this before July 1.

32 And then we got radios that are going to be installed. The
33 rest of them are going to be installed the week of the 6th. And
34 then all of our radios will be in. We'll be in good shape
35 there.

36 And then on the airport ramp, it's just been so cold, we
37 haven't got much going on there. And I need to get back with
38 Mark, and I need to get with Rogene and get a -- the
39 financing -- my ideas on the financing, see if I can do it. And
40 see if Mark ever did find us them metal steps that the school

1 was supposed to have with the building.
2 So that's kind of where all that stands. That's all I
3 have.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: That airport ramp is the one to the
5 new building, right?

6 BURT RAMOS: Yes, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Anybody have any
9 other questions for him?

10 Thank you, Burt.

11 BURT RAMOS: Yep.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's move on to Item Number 7.
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16 **ROAD AND BRIDGE NORTH**
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18 7) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
19 **projects for the Road and Bridge North Department and other**
20 **matters properly related thereto.**
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22 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
23 regarding operations and projects for the Road and Bridge North
24 Department and other matters properly related thereto.

25 DONNIE NEGRO: Donald Negro, Road and Bridge North.

26 Our radios have been installed. We put in 45 radios. We
27 have, I think, six left to install, and it really went good.
28 And it's really working out good, like in our plow trucks. And
29 I'd like to thank Robert and Rogene for helping us out on that.
30 But they were kind of a godsend. Now we can contact our people
31 when they're on the Crescent Valley side.

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: What's the range?

33 DONNIE NEGRO: It's --

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Twenty miles?

35 DONNIE NEGRO: Oh, probably -- we can talk to Austin pretty
36 plain.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Really?

38 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah.

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's cool.

40 DONNIE NEGRO: With the towers there. Where before, we --

1 they weren't very good. But they came in and spent weeks
2 here -- electronics and installed and everything. Brought three
3 guys in, and it really worked out good for us.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: So all of our -- all of our vehicles,
5 county vehicles, are on the same frequencies?

6 DONNIE NEGRO: Same -- well, we have different frequencies,
7 Dave. There's Road and Bridge has one. Sewer and Water has
8 one.

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.

10 DONNIE NEGRO: Sheriff's Office. Mutual Aid. But we can
11 all tie in together. There's like eight different channels that
12 we can flop back and forth from.

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: So the system's working good.

14 DONNIE NEGRO: Well, the system's working, but they haven't
15 changed to the digital system until everybody gets on board.
16 And then they'll change it. They'll flip the switch. And it
17 should be a lot better.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: How many vehicles are involved,
19 roughly?

20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Two hundred?

21 DONNIE NEGRO: Huh?

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Two hundred?

23 DONNIE NEGRO: Probably.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Two hundred vehicles.

25 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah. So --

26 We've took -- took delivery on some of our budgeted
27 equipment.

28 And I sit here and talk about it. And I know you guys
29 don't know what I'm talking about. So I took pictures of
30 everything.

31 That first one is the gen set for the landfill. And that
32 was from Cashman Equipment. They were all budgeted items.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll start with that then.

34 DONNIE NEGRO: And 973, that's a track machine for the
35 landfill. And our water tankers, which I've been talking about.
36 I know you don't -- Patsy probably didn't have a clue what I was
37 talking about, but I took a picture of it.

38 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But I do.

39 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah. Yeah. But the -- the second one came
40 in yesterday. So -- and I have one more piece of equipment to

1 be delivered. And it's supposed to be the end of the month on
2 my budgeted items. So pretty on board there.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's a nice piece of equipment; isn't
4 it?

5 DONNIE NEGRO: Okay. The -- so far I've been counting
6 loads of sand since our storm hit. We've put out 94 loads of
7 sand. And where it's cold, people don't realize that you have
8 to have sunlight on salt sand to make it melt. And where it's
9 been so cold, so we've just been sanding, hitting it hard. And
10 I kind of wanted to let you know, because I've been taking a
11 beating, and I know you guys have too. On our plowing, what we
12 try to do is we try to concentrate on the school routes first
13 and the airport, public safety, the main streets, and then we
14 start working out from there. And last Saturday, we plowed all
15 morning, and then the storm hit, and it snowed again and blew
16 everything back in. So -- but bear with us, we'll get them on
17 the -- on the plowing.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: I noticed we had water for the first
19 time in four or five days --

20 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- on the streets.

22 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah, it has to warm up. And it has to get
23 some sunlight for it to melt, for your salt to take and start
24 doing its job.

25 And then Monday the cold -- cold hit us. And it was pretty
26 tough starting big iron in the cold.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So explain that to me, Donnie. You
28 put the salt, but then you put the sand over the salt?

29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: They're mixed together.

30 DONNIE NEGRO: No, it's mixed in. We mix it.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's mixed in?

32 DONNIE NEGRO: Five parts to one.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Is this -- is this better salt than
34 the salt we have in the Midwest where all the cars are rusted
35 out?

36 DONNIE NEGRO: I probably don't want to go there. No
37 guarantees. Yeah.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: The EPA got involved with it and cut
39 it out.

40 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Used to have that salt up there in the
2 Sierras.
3 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah.
4 COMMISSIONER MASON: They cut that out because it was
5 killing trees.
6 DONNIE NEGRO: In the Midwest, they use a lot of mag
7 chloride, which is a liquid. And that's a lot of the rust.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But this shouldn't be real hard on our
9 vehicles.
10 DONNIE NEGRO: No. Just wash them when you're done after
11 the season.
12 Any other questions?
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: You can walk more.
14 DONNIE NEGRO: Yeah.
15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Nope. None. Thanks, Donnie.
16 DONNIE NEGRO: Thanks.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
18 DONNIE NEGRO: Merry Christmas to everybody.
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thanks, Donnie.
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22 **PUBLIC WORKS**

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24 8) **Discussion for possible action regarding operations and**
25 **projects for the Public Works Department and other matters**
26 **properly related thereto.**
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28 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Item Number 8, discussion for
29 possible action regarding operations and projects for the Public
30 Works Department and other matters properly related thereto.
31 Goods morning, Jake.
32 JAKE EDGAR: Morning.
33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Hi.
34 JAKE EDGAR: We're kind of going through the same thing
35 with the weather. We're chasing lots of water leaks. Turning
36 water on, turning it off, turn it on, turn it off. Turn -- I
37 mean, that's basically what we've been doing since Monday.
38 There's no real good updates or anything like that.
39 I contacted a few of you over the e-mail that you guys
40 received. And I hope everybody understood what was going on.

1 And if you need any more clarification, I have the paperwork to
2 give you guys.

3 Like to thank Donald. I received our new backhoe, which is
4 really, really super nice. We won't know how to act now. It's
5 pretty amazing. And he helped me -- we got the tanker in and
6 just waiting on the dump truck. And I should have all of my
7 budgeted items in too. So everything's going good.

8 Any questions?

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: Who's the --

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I don't think so.

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Wait, Jake. Who's the keeper of the
13 parking lots out here downtown on Front Street? Is that your
14 job?

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.

16 JAKE EDGAR: I have no idea.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Trash.

18 JAKE EDGAR: Keeper of the what?

19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Parking lots.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Who plows them?

21 JAKE EDGAR: Who plows them? I have no idea.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, I wasn't thinking about plowing
23 them. I was thinking about trash.

24 JAKE EDGAR: During the summertime, Marilyn empties the
25 trash cans. And then the Owl Club and those guys were doing
26 their own for a while. Now that's all -- and then the actual
27 Desert Disposal was doing it for a while. And I don't know.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay. It's --

29 JAKE EDGAR: We help them out when they're full. But it
30 used to be Desert Disposal. And we pay them out of some fund to
31 do it. And half the time, they just don't get done. So -- do
32 you want -- what -- is there something --

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: I don't --

34 JAKE EDGAR: -- you need me to --

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's an open air question.

36 JAKE EDGAR: Yeah, it --

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: It gets kind of trashy down there.

38 JAKE EDGAR: We pay -- we pay -- I think it's Desert
39 Disposal, if I remember right. We do pay them. And if they're
40 not emptying them, that's up to them. I mean, I can check into

1 it.

2 COMMISSIONER MASON: Would you do that?

3 JAKE EDGAR: Sure. Not a problem.

4 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's all. Thanks, Jake.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

6 JAKE EDGAR: Yep. Thank you, guys.

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9 **TREASURER**

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11 9) **Discussion for possible action regarding the possibility of**
12 **utilizing Wells Fargo Pay Cards in lieu of paper checks for**
13 **Lander County payroll and other matters properly related**
14 **thereto.**

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16 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We'll go to Item Number 9,
17 discussion for possible action regarding the possibility of
18 utilizing Wells Fargo Pay Cards in lieu of paper checks for
19 Lander County payroll and other matters properly related
20 thereto.

21 GRACE POWRIE: Good morning, gentleman and lady.

22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Good morning.

23 GRACE POWRIE: I'm Grace Powrie, the Lander County
24 Treasurer, for the record. And with me today is Pat Foley. He
25 is the Senior Vice President for the government banking for
26 Wells Fargo. And he is going to answer any questions you have
27 about the pay card system. So basically, we want to go
28 paperless on our payroll.

29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: But this -- the pay cards only
30 apply to people who don't have direct deposit, right?

31 GRACE POWRIE: That is correct.

32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Because I've had people say,
33 well, I don't want to go there, because I don't bank at Well
34 Fargo.

35 GRACE POWRIE: That's -- that's why we're here today to
36 clean up any misconceptions. Basically, instead of a paper
37 check, it's a plastic check.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Check. Yeah.

39 GRACE POWRIE: And I'm going to let Pat go over anything
40 that you may have questions on. We've discussed it with the

1 Finance Department.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It's only if you don't have
3 direct deposit.

4 GRACE POWRIE: We discussed it --

5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: How many people in the county don't
6 have direct deposit? How many people --

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah.

8 GRACE POWRIE: I'm going to say --

9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- have paper checks?

10 GRACE POWRIE: I just signed -- I just signed payroll
11 today. I'm going to say maybe 25 checks during normal year.
12 And then we'll have another 25 or more seasonals.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Why change it?

14 GRACE POWRIE: Fraud. They lose checks all the time. We
15 won't have to stop payment. And expensive -- very, very costly.

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Have you ever lost a credit card?
17 That's easier to use than a check.

18 GRACE POWRIE: It's -- I'm going to have Pat explain the
19 fundamentals of the card, because it isn't -- there's no money
20 to the card. There's no money on the card.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: I don't understand that.

22 GRACE POWRIE: That's right. So that's why he's here.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: I mean, all right, let's just say
24 somebody doesn't have a bank account, and that's where the card
25 comes in, right?

26 PAT FOLEY: Correct.

27 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: So we owe them \$300 for services
29 rendered. And the card doesn't have \$300 on it? Is it not a
30 credit card?

31 PAT FOLEY: It -- for the record, I'm Pat Foley with Wells
32 Fargo Bank.

33 The card itself is just basically a vehicle to get access
34 to the moneys, just similar to what you have with a debit card
35 or an ATM card from the bank itself. But these accounts are --
36 they're not true bank accounts themselves. We don't send out
37 full statements on the activities and similar transactions that
38 you would see on a normal bank account. But there's an account
39 number that is behind the card. And in turn, the dollars are
40 deposited onto that account. So if the card is lost, a new one

1 can be reissued either coming into the office and having another
2 one issued here or calling into Wells Fargo, our 1-800 number
3 then with some verification that in turn a new card can be
4 issued and be in their hands within a few days.

5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Let's stay with this guy who just made
6 300 bucks and you paid him a card.

7 GRACE POWRIE: What we do, Dave, right now, we have many
8 people on direct deposit. And so the program is similar, it'll
9 just be direct deposited onto the card, in a sense, onto an
10 account behind the card.

11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay, but where does he take the card?
12 To an ATM machine?

13 GRACE POWRIE: You take --

14 PAT FOLEY: He can --

15 GRACE POWRIE: -- it to any bank.

16 PAT FOLEY: He can take it to any bank and get a cash
17 advance. It'd be similar to a -- him taking --

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: But not -- but not a machine?

19 PAT FOLEY: He can go to a machine. The problem with some
20 of the machines are that you're limited to a \$20 withdrawal. So
21 if you've got \$19.47 on the card, you cannot get the moneys out
22 at that point in time.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: What if you have \$2500 on the card
24 and you want it all right now?

25 PAT FOLEY: Then in turn, you can walk into any bank
26 anywhere that does -- that has a VISA logo or MasterCard logo
27 and get a cash advance like you can on any credit card out
28 there. There's no fee to that at any time getting a cash
29 advance from any bank.

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: To follow up on what Brian's saying,
31 can -- say you have 2500, can he get the 2500?

32 PAT FOLEY: Yes. He can get the whole 2500 going out just
33 like you do a cash advance. And in turn, the bank will pay him
34 that money right on the spot, the cash.

35 GRACE POWRIE: What it is --

36 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, how do they pay their
37 bills?

38 GRACE POWRIE: What it is, if you were given a check today,
39 Steve, and you did not have a direct deposit, you would walk in
40 the bank and you'd cash your check. You're going to walk in the

1 bank and you're going to cash your plastic check. You're going
2 to get all the money. And you're going to put that card in your
3 pocket until we download the next payroll. And you're going to
4 have that card constantly will be reloaded with your new
5 paycheck on it. So you're going to go get your money like you
6 always would. You're just going to pop that card back in your
7 pocket with a zero balance on it until we download more money at
8 the next payroll. Then you go get your money orders. You go
9 pay cash like anybody would. What it is, is this one card will
10 replace 26 individual checks throughout the year.

11 PAT FOLEY: And in turn, it's reloadable so the card for
12 the next pay period, in turn, they've got it instead of having
13 to come in and get the check, they've got the card that will
14 automatically --

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, it will encourage the ones
16 who don't use direct deposit to go to direct deposit.

17 PAT FOLEY: Correct.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, I guess if they didn't,
19 they can still take it in, cash it just like they would their
20 check, and deposit it in their checking.

21 PAT FOLEY: Exactly right.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: You keep the same card or do you issue
23 a new card?

24 PAT FOLEY: It's the same card.

25 GRACE POWRIE: It's the same card.

26 PAT FOLEY: It's a reloadable card at all times.

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So who's going to pay for the
28 service?

29 GRACE POWRIE: We are.

30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So how much is the service?

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, it's -- what you're saying, it's
32 cheaper than writing checks?

33 GRACE POWRIE: It is.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: And it's not as much fraud.

35 GRACE POWRIE: And it's safer.

36 PAT FOLEY: It's much safer. In regards to lost checks,
37 the fraud potential that we have with positive pay on the checks
38 themselves now that come through. But the amount of fraud that
39 is being put into place by many people on -- mainly on your
40 accounts payable for the larger items. But it's also getting

1 into payroll checks. And in turn, we're seeing a great deal of
2 fraud. A pay card helps alleviate that, because you're just
3 sending the payment onto the card like your direct deposit,
4 which is the most viable way to make a payment itself and have
5 those items go through. By mailing a check or having them go
6 through the mail, people are going in and taking checks out of
7 your mailboxes these days. And we're seeing a lot of that take
8 place throughout the country.

9 GRACE POWRIE: The other -- the other thing that the
10 Finance Department and I spoke about was the seasonal kids.
11 Most of them don't have accounts. And they're only here three,
12 four months. It is probably the highest volume of stop payments
13 and reissues that the county has. They have no responsibility
14 whatsoever. They wash them. They throw them away. They pack.
15 They go to college. Or they don't have their money because
16 their check is here.

17 The nice thing about the card, if they go to UNR, their
18 last paycheck will be downloaded on that card. They can go to
19 any bank, and they'll have their money wherever they're at,
20 whether they go to Utah or Idaho or wherever they're at. The
21 money goes with you no different than if it was a direct
22 deposit.

23 It's just a different tool. It's a solid, plastic check
24 that will be downloaded every -- every two weeks. And there is
25 a cost, yes. But we looked at the numbers and without a doubt,
26 a stop payment runs what? Twenty-five, thirty bucks?

27 PAT FOLEY: About \$25 a check. Where the card itself, the
28 one-time issuance of the card is \$1.50. And to reload it is 25
29 cents per period. So your actual ongoing cost is only a
30 quarter.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: And you'll pay for the reloading?

32 GRACE POWRIE: Well, what it is, is because Lander County
33 has deposits with Wells Fargo, it will be absorbed in our
34 analysis account. So there is not a hard dollar hit to the
35 county. It is absorbed like all the deposit books and all the
36 endorsement stamps and all the checks and all that kind of stuff
37 is now. But even so, I have to keep deposits in the bank to
38 offset those. And right now, we are actually paying more by
39 doing paper checks.

40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But what is the fee? Is there a

1 monthly fee for using this?
2 GRACE POWRIE: \$1.50 a card.
3 PAT FOLEY: It's \$1.50 for the issuance of the card, but
4 then only 25 cents per reload of the card. So once -- after the
5 card is issued, all it is, is a quarter for every reload from
6 then on.
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: We have what? About 20 to 25.
8 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah, and the goal is to get 25 cards is
9 what the bank would like us to --
10 COMMISSIONER MASON: These are regular employees of the
11 county?
12 GRACE POWRIE: Yes. And then the seasonal ones?
13 PAT FOLEY: So --
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: And then the what?
15 GRACE POWRIE: The seasonal employees come spring and
16 summer.
17 PAT FOLEY: The State of Nevada -- yes, I'm sorry.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I just -- there was a question
19 out in the audience.
20 JUDIE ALLAN: Actually, I have a comment. I was issued a
21 card.
22 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: State your name, please.
23 JUDIE ALLAN: Judie Allen. A debit card similar to this
24 concept. And one thing you -- I guess I have a question for --
25 make you guys aware is you were allowed so many withdrawals per
26 month free. Otherwise, if you went over that amount, then you
27 were charged. Also, if you did go to an ATM that was not Wells
28 Fargo, you were charged.
29 PAT FOLEY: And --
30 GRACE POWRIE: And that's.
31 PAT FOLEY: But that is no different than a normal ATM
32 charge itself. The -- you have two ATM at Wells Fargo without
33 any charge per pay cycle. And then in turn, but you can go in
34 and get a cash advance at any bank at no cost at any time.
35 JUDIE ALLAN: So you go in during banking hours.
36 PAT FOLEY: Exactly. But if not, you can use the ATM
37 during that one pay cycle and be able to get a -- get most of
38 the moneys out at that point in time without any charge.
39 JUDIE ALLAN: I just wanted to bring that up.
40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So after two --

1 JUDIE ALLAN: There is a charge to that cardholder.
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- you're going to get charged to
3 take your own money out?
4 GRACE POWRIE: That's correct, because it's not an ATM
5 card. You can use it at gas stations. You can use it at
6 Wal-Mart. You can use it at a restaurant.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You can use it like a debit card.
8 PAT FOLEY: Correct.
9 GRACE POWRIE: But this is -- this is only for the county
10 to issue a plastic check versus a paper one. Go to the bank,
11 cash it, get your money like you always did. You're not going
12 to get charged.
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But what I'm saying, you just said it
14 wasn't like that. Now you just said it is like that.
15 PAT FOLEY: But --
16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You can go get gas off of it.
17 GRACE POWRIE: You can, but you're going to get charged.
18 Because it's not set up to be an ATM.
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But what if you lose that? You said
20 these kids are irresponsible and they can't wash -- they're
21 washing their checks. What if they lose that and somebody
22 swipes it and takes all their money.
23 GRACE POWRIE: There's nothing -- there's nothing in there.
24 PAT FOLEY: You need the pin number.
25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You just said you could buy gas off
26 it.
27 GRACE POWRIE: Mm-hm.
28 PAT FOLEY: You still need the pin number, just like a
29 debit card, in order to use. And in turn, if -- once -- if the
30 card is lost, they call it in and say, I've lost my card. Then
31 in turn, they will get a new card issued to them. They can come
32 in here and actually get a new card reissued to them. And have
33 those --
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: What happens to the old card if
35 somebody steals it and they try to use it?
36 PAT FOLEY: They -- without the pin, they won't be able --
37 if they go in and get a cash advance, they've got to have
38 secondary ID.
39 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, okay. But if they're using an
40 ATM, trying to defraud somebody --

1 PAT FOLEY: They need the pin number.

2 COMMISSIONER MASON: Will that card be captured?

3 PAT FOLEY: Yes. It will be captured right there at the
4 branch because they have an invalid pin associated with the
5 card.

6 GRACE POWRIE: What we would do in the county is if
7 somebody loses a check, the program will be set up to where the
8 Finance Department can click the old number to stop it. And
9 click a new number to be activated to the account that still has
10 the money in it. So it would just have a different card
11 attached to it.

12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And I believe you started to say
13 something about the State of Nevada. Because they do use this
14 for their social services, right.

15 GRACE POWRIE: That's correct.

16 PAT FOLEY: Correct. And --

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: If you're on unemployment, you
18 have a card.

19 PAT FOLEY: Exactly. There's unemployment, welfare, child
20 support payments. They all utilize a debit card program similar
21 to this. And in turn -- and it's the same setup to where you
22 get the -- you go into the branch, you can get -- have all the
23 dollars brought to you, as if it's a cash advance. And then
24 access at an ATM with limited to two transactions per pay cycle,
25 that in turn, that comes out. The State of Nevada, in fact,
26 just passed this past session, SB 21, that requires all their
27 employees that do not -- that are not on direct deposit to have
28 to go to a pay card. And they're in process of implementing
29 that whole program out right now. So --

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: And when you send a bill to our
31 county, to Grace, is it all one page? Is it a --

32 PAT FOLEY: It's an itemized bill that she gets from us
33 listing out all the services, such as checks deposited and
34 checks paid and the account reconciliation. And in turn in there
35 would be also the pay card program.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And so if this doesn't adversely
37 affect us, what about the people that it does? Has this been
38 brought to them with all these parameters, how they can use it,
39 they can't use it, all that? Have we asked them if they want --

40 GRACE POWRIE: No, we -- we have not gone anywhere as far

1 as the Finance Department and the Treasurer's Office except to
2 the bank to get the foundation documents to get the program to
3 bring forth to you. Because we -- we don't initiate things like
4 this without the blessing of the Commissioners.

5 But it is basically, um, fraud is huge. I spend an
6 enormous amount of time with Wells Fargo implementing new fraud
7 controls on our accounts. And with checks being the number one
8 fraud in the country, we have everything to gain to start going
9 into the electronic world and at least getting our payroll. I
10 don't have outstanding checks. It's amazing how many people are
11 just naturally wealthy. They just never cash their checks.

12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Don't you think it would be in our
13 best interest to people getting these checks to ask them if this
14 --

15 GRACE POWRIE: Right now we're --

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- or should --

17 GRACE POWRIE: -- we're 70 --

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- or we should just force it on them
19 --

20 GRACE POWRIE: Well, the mines --

21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- is what you're saying.

22 GRACE POWRIE: Well, the mines -- everybody is going that
23 route. They have for years. There's a lot of places that if
24 you don't have an account, you get a pay card anymore. I mean,
25 it's just one of those things, because I think people are seeing
26 the fraud. They're seeing the cost. Everything's expensive.

27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Lura.

28 LURA DUVALL: I just had a question. Lura Duvall,
29 Assessor.

30 You were saying people never cash their checks, so would
31 the money stay on that card indefinitely? It just keeps
32 building if they do? If there's no --

33 PAT FOLEY: If they're not using the moneys, then in turn,
34 then in turn, yes, it will.

35 LURA DUVALL: It would stay there indefinitely?

36 PAT FOLEY: Right now, if they -- actually it would end up
37 being turned over to the state as far as unclaimed property if
38 there's no activities. Basically, just similar to what you've
39 got with a paycheck.

40 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah.

1 PAT FOLEY: If they do not use a paycheck --
2 LURA DUVALL: I'm just --
3 PAT FOLEY: -- after six months --
4 GRACE POWRIE: After six months, it goes dormant --
5 PAT FOLEY: Goes dormant.
6 GRACE POWRIE: But for the State of Nevada to turn in an
7 unclaimed property, is what that's considered, it has to be a
8 year after it's been issued and prior to the June 1 cutoff date.
9 So it's usually about a year and a half, Lura.
10 LURA DUVALL: So as long as -- so say you have thousands of
11 dollars on there, and then just occasionally you use a little
12 bit, then it will would not be considered dormant.
13 PAT FOLEY: Correct.
14 LURA DUVALL: Okay, it would have to be zero activity
15 whatsoever for six months or a year?
16 PAT FOLEY: Correct.
17 LURA DUVALL: I see.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: And then can they go take their card
19 back to the bank if there's still money in there they haven't
20 used? Let's say they have \$10 still left in the account, but
21 they haven't -- they forgot about it?
22 PAT FOLEY: You --
23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Can they go back to the bank six
24 months later with their card and --
25 PAT FOLEY: Yes. Yes.
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- and still get it?
27 PAT FOLEY: Yes.
28 GRACE POWRIE: Well, what could happen also --
29 PAT FOLEY: If not -- if it's after six months, it then
30 does get turned over to the state under normal unclaimed
31 property laws. And in turn, they can go to the state in
32 perpetuity and get their \$10.
33 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, would we perform that for our
34 employees?
35 GRACE POWRIE: Prior to sending them to unclaimed property,
36 we do our due diligence to --
37 PAT FOLEY: Correct.
38 GRACE POWRIE: -- contact employees or vendors or whomever,
39 if we can find them. We would just stop that card and give them
40 a new card and let them go get their money. I mean, we do that

1 now with checks. We void one check and reissue a new one
2 because they can't find their money.

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, so if we have scenario that this
4 is what we're going to do for administration-wise, let's say
5 half of the people that are getting checks right now decide to
6 do direct deposit. Then that's going to give us very small
7 amount. Would that increase our costs at all?

8 PAT FOLEY: No.

9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: If we only do five of them?

10 PAT FOLEY: It's the same fee across the board.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I think the biggest difference
12 is some of us were thinking of it more like a gift card --

13 GRACE POWRIE: Yes.

14 PAT FOLEY: Correct.

15 GRACE POWRIE: Correct.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- where if you carry that, it's
17 money. And if you lose it, anybody can use it. And that's not
18 --

19 PAT FOLEY: That's not the case.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's not at all.

21 GRACE POWRIE: I did the same thing. I've been arguing
22 with Pat for three days. And basically, when he finally told
23 me, Grace, it's a plastic check. Period. You take it to the
24 bank. You get your money like you would a paper check. It made
25 more sense to me to look at it that way. If you choose not to
26 take all your money at once when you cash your plastic check,
27 then there's going to fees attached by Wells Fargo because
28 you're using it like an ATM card. The paycheck has never been
29 an ATM card when it was paper. It's not meant to be an ATM card
30 when it's a plastic check. It's a tool to get them their money.
31 It's a tool for them to get their money without the cost and the
32 hardship of the offices trying to maintain the person getting it
33 there. Because we have an enormous amount of lost checks and
34 stolen checks.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think you're going to have the same
36 amount of lost cards.

37 GRACE POWRIE: But the cost isn't as much. It's going to
38 cost me \$1.50 to reissue a card where it's costing me 25 bucks
39 right now to issue a check.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: To issue a check.

2 COMMISSIONER MASON: I want to explain something for
3 clarification. And my wife works for Wells Fargo, has for 20
4 years. And I showed her this last night. And she says it's a
5 good deal because of what you have said already: the security,
6 the cost. And I just didn't have the details to go with it.
7 But the county benefits from this.

8 GRACE POWRIE: And it's going to take a little while to
9 implement. We'll implement it to the employees we have today
10 first. Give them time to get checking or savings accounts. But
11 the thing is, there are people out there who truly cannot have a
12 savings or a checking account. The banks will not open them,
13 because they can't --

14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Right.

15 GRACE POWRIE: -- manage their money.

16 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's the other thing I was going to
17 say, that the qualifications to open a savings or a checking
18 account are strict, comparatively speaking.

19 PAT FOLEY: And Wells Fargo does offer a second chance
20 banking account program out there that in turn, if they are
21 bankable, we'll do everything we can to have an account for
22 them. But in some instances, they're just -- they owe moneys to
23 a previous bank or to even Wells Fargo --

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, right.

25 PAT FOLEY: -- from not being able to handle it.

26 COMMISSIONER MASON: They have debts they don't want
27 captured.

28 PAT FOLEY: Correct. And so, to that end, whatever we can
29 do to help get them to open an account, we will do that. But in
30 some instances, they just don't want to do an account. And so
31 in that case then, a pay card works. And they are able to get
32 access to their moneys anywhere they can go.

33 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that Lander County
34 --

35 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Go ahead. We have a question.
36 Donnie, go ahead.

37 DONNIE NEGRO: Is there any way, say, that for old child
38 support, they can come and put an attachment on your pay card?

39 PAT FOLEY: No. Not in this instance with the card itself.
40 Yes, we have a Social Security assigned to it, but we don't have

1 a physical account truly assigned to it. There's a -- basically
2 a card number we have set, and we track it off of that side. So
3 it's not a physical bank account.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: So if they have child support, it
5 still would have to come back to the county?

6 PAT FOLEY: Correct.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah, it's deducted before you get
8 your card.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Just like you do now.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, court ordered. It would come to
11 you --

12 PAT FOLEY: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- and you just automatically take it
14 out.

15 JUDIE ALLAN: Would the card holder have access? Is there
16 a website that they could --

17 PAT FOLEY: Mm-hm.

18 JUDIE ALLAN: -- go out and check.

19 PAT FOLEY: Yeah. So they have full access to go online to
20 WellsFargo.com and we have a card program in place. And in
21 turn, while they're logging in and setting up, they can have
22 access to all the activities on the account on the card and the
23 balance. As well as the 1-800 number available for them to call
24 in at any time to get the balance that's available.

25 JUSTIN MOORE: Justin Moore from IT.

26 What if they don't want to bank with Wells Fargo? Are you
27 the only ones that are offering this type of electronic
28 solution? And if they do and if the county decides to go with
29 this and inflict this on some of the employees, if they wanted
30 to do an electronic wire transfer to their own bank, would that
31 be part of the program at no charge too?

32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: They can do that right now. They
33 can have --

34 ROGENE HILL: Your direct deposit.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You can go direct deposit.

36 JUSTIN MOORE: Here it comes. That is not what I meant.
37 If they want to take a check and go to a bank and cash it and
38 then take their money to their banks in Carson City at the
39 credit union and deposit it, since that would all be, you know,
40 done through Wells Fargo, what if they don't want to bank with

1 Wells Fargo?

2 PAT FOLEY: They can just go to -- they can just go to the
3 credit union and get the cash advance and deposit it to their
4 account there.

5 JUSTIN MOORE: Are there any other financial institutions
6 doing what you're proposing?

7 PAT FOLEY: Yes. And there are other companies that do
8 what we do. I mean, Xerox has a program. But in turn, they
9 enlist the bank to associate with, such as the program that the
10 state has for welfare is done through Xerox, but Xerox then
11 licenses back to us as their bank in order to offer the program.
12 So there are entities that do what this does.

13 JUSTIN MOORE: So the County's bank is Wells Fargo so
14 that's why --

15 PAT FOLEY: Correct.

16 JUSTIN MOORE: -- you were chosen as a conduit.

17 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

18 GRACE POWRIE: Because the thing is, the cost is basically
19 absorbed through all the deposits we hold. And so, um, the main
20 account's there. Our direct deposits are pulled out of the main
21 account, sent to everybody's individual accounts now that are on
22 direct deposit. So it's just one more -- one more program they
23 offer. And knowing that the state has gone this way, knowing
24 the costs behind all the fraud controls that I put in play,
25 we're just trying to eliminate any more. There's so many people
26 out there that are scanning checks and being able to recreate
27 checks that look so perfect. Because Rogene and my's signatures
28 are on any every check. They've got every account number.
29 They've got everything they need. There -- every fraud control
30 we put into play, there's three more people out there trying to
31 break into our accounts. And it's expensive trying to stay
32 ahead of the crook.

33 PAT FOLEY: Yeah. Our team has worked with Grace on trying
34 to ensure that the county's accounts are protected to the
35 utmost. To that, one thing that we've implemented is
36 eliminating stamping the back of your checks that you're
37 depositing. We've taken the account number off of that.

38 Because what happens is whoever's written you that check
39 and you stamp the back of that check with your account number on
40 it. And they get their statement and have an image of your

1 check, they now have your account number on the back.

2 And with the ease of being able to pay your Verizon bill
3 online, all you need is a routing transit and an account number,
4 that's all you have to put in and then verify that this
5 information's correct. In turn, they've got all that data right
6 there at the tip of their hands.

7 So we make -- we've gone ahead and stopped a lot of that.
8 We've put in the positive pay. We've put in the ACH blocks and
9 fraud filter onto the account so that the electronic debits just
10 can't hit against the account that are not authorized.

11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Now, Gracie, let me ask you a
12 question. You've probably worked this out in your mind,
13 roughly, what do you think you're going to save the county
14 monthly or annually?

15 GRACE POWRIE: Well, we threw some numbers on an individual
16 at 25. We figured it to be \$8 a person a year.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: A year?

18 GRACE POWRIE: For the \$1.50 for the initial cost and then
19 the 25 cents for every time you download the payroll.

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: And what is the cost now?

21 GRACE POWRIE: For a paper check, it runs --

22 PAT FOLEY: Depends on if it's mailed or not. But usually
23 those will -- by time you throw postal -- post into this and the
24 reconciliation and the time for a stop on it, maybe one stop
25 every two years but average that in, you're probably looking
26 close to about 40 to 50 dollars per year.

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: Per --

28 PAT FOLEY: Per check with mail.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Gotcha. And we have about 20 to 25 of
30 these people who need this service.

31 GRACE POWRIE: And I really don't -- I have not talked to
32 any of the employees to find out why they have not gone direct
33 deposit. Some of them are old school, like me, and don't want
34 to. I have a checking account, but maybe I don't want, you
35 know, a direct deposit.

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah.

37 GRACE POWRIE: Some of them truly don't have accounts. So
38 I really don't have your answer on that, because I didn't -- I
39 didn't poll our employees.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is there a good -- when we entered --

1 if we introduce this to these employees, is there a good
2 introduction paper-wise or --
3 PAT FOLEY: Yep. We have --
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Training session?
5 PAT FOLEY: Yep.
6 GRACE POWRIE: Well, we're going to have to train our
7 staffs first and ourselves and get all the programming and stuff
8 and make sure everything's in play. We will find one guinea pig
9 person, basically, to run the process through and make sure it
10 works properly. And then little by little, see what the
11 appetite is. You know, there's always that possibility it
12 doesn't work, and we can eliminate it, I guess, you know. You
13 never know until you trying something.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: One last question is: when you issue
15 a card, do you issue a pin number?
16 PAT FOLEY: They will go -- they go to into the branch and
17 use it and get -- or at the ATM and get a pin number established
18 at that time. Okay.
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
20 PAT FOLEY: They can use a touch tone phone also to get a
21 pin number associated to it.
22 GRACE POWRIE: What the employee would do is fill out an
23 application, no different than what you do with HR and the
24 Payroll Department. And then there's not a contract with the
25 county. There's no paperwork, you know, that we do with the
26 bank as far as the county goes. It's just basically a -- the
27 employee goes through payroll to get their -- to get their pay
28 that way.
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: If we elect to go along with this,
30 would you give us a report on how it's doing? You know. And if
31 you're getting any complaints and what they are?
32 GRACE POWRIE: It would take at least probably close to 60
33 days to even implement it. So it'll be -- what we'd like to do
34 is, if you choose to entertain this, we'd like to work with the
35 employees we have on our books right now. And then when
36 seasonal staff comes on, we would have a really good grip on how
37 to --
38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: How to do it.
39 GRACE POWRIE: -- how to work this through --
40 COMMISSIONER MASON: How to handle it.

1 GRACE POWRIE: -- and see if it's working for the
2 departments.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: Go on. Make your motion.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll make a motion that the county
5 issue pay cards in lieu of the payroll checks for any of the
6 employees that do not wish direct deposit and that it will be
7 implemented in your regular time after training.

8 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll second that.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
10 (No comment.)

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: We had a --

13 JUSTIN MOORE: It is taking some of the liberty away from
14 the employees. If they don't want to deal with a bank, they
15 shouldn't have to be forced to deal with a bank.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, if they get a regular check --

17 JUSTIN MOORE: They go in there and cash their check and do
18 what they want with their money.

19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But if they get a regular check,
20 Justin, they have to deal with somebody to cash that check.

21 JUSTIN MOORE: Walk into a bank and cash it.

22 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: No, doesn't work that way.

23 COMMISSIONER MASON: If you don't have an account, they
24 won't cash the check.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: If they have an ATM in a casino,
26 they can go in there and cash it.

27 GRACE POWRIE: Excuse me, Justin, we're not forcing you to
28 bank with anyone. We're just giving you a tool to go cash your
29 check, because it's plastic now instead of paper.

30 JUSTIN MOORE: I think you should poll the employees first.

31 GRACE POWRIE: That's what I'm trying to say is there truly
32 isn't any difference. However you handle your check today, you
33 can handle your pay card exactly the same way.

34 JUSTIN MOORE: I understand exactly what everybody's
35 saying.

36 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.

37 JUSTIN MOORE: If somebody doesn't want to do it, is there
38 an opt out?

39 GRACE POWRIE: But somebody isn't dealing with the fraud
40 either. Sometimes it's more --

1 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Well, the way you do it --
2 GRACE POWRIE: -- of a business decision than it is a --
3 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Or you can put it down that you
4 lose a check, it's going to cost you \$25 to reissue it.
5 GRACE POWRIE: I like that. I do like that, Steve, yes.
6 JUSTIN MOORE: -- responsibility from these people who are
7 constantly losing checks and operating another source of revenue
8 for the county. You lost your check? We got to cut you
9 another. It's a \$25 fee.
10 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Whatever the banks going to cost
11 us.
12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, I thought we did that. I
13 thought we charged them to do that.
14 GRACE POWRIE: No.
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.
16 JUSTIN MOORE: I don't think that's unreasonable if
17 they're --
18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Motion.
19 JUSTIN MOORE: -- financially irresponsible. Hold them
20 accountable for it.
21 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We have a first and second. And
22 we asked for public comment. Any more public comment?
23 (No comment.)
24 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
25 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye. I think it's the way to go.
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Opposed. Aye.
29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Opposed.
30 TIFFANY ELKINGTON: So you're opposed.
31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes.
32 TIFFANY ELKINGTON: Okay. Just clarifying.
33 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do have a quick question before you
35 leave, Pat, because you made a comment about putting account
36 numbers on the back of your checks. And I've always had a real
37 problem with that. However, I do have an account of Wells
38 Fargo. And if I don't put the account on the back, the teller
39 does.
40 PAT FOLEY: You tell them to call me about it, because

1 they -- it is not -- we are -- what's going on these days with
2 checks, and if you have a second, I don't want to take up too
3 much time. But the checks are now being imaged.

4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know.

5 PAT FOLEY: When 9/11 hit, planes were stuck on the ground.
6 No checks were processed between banks, because we were
7 exchanging physical checks at that time. Congress was already
8 working on an image process called Check 21. That was
9 accelerated and passed after 9/11, because it really shut down
10 the whole banking system. To that end, now banks exchange
11 images of checks. There's no physical check going from Wells
12 Fargo to Bank of America or Bank America to Nevada State on down
13 the line. There's no physical checks being exchanged anymore.
14 It's all images. With that, when we scan a check through to
15 capture the image, we're taking the account number that's on the
16 bottom in the micro encoding of the check. And we're actually
17 embedding that the information into the image. So in turn, the
18 -- what used to happen is you used to have to write your account
19 number on the back of the check, so if it bounced and came back,
20 somebody wrote you a bad check, it came back, you actually had
21 to have the account number in order to see where the check was
22 deposited to. Well, that's not the case anymore. We know where
23 this check has been deposited to because it's been embedded into
24 the image. So now, there's no need to put the account numbers
25 on the back of the checks. Some -- it hasn't been pushed down
26 or out to the branches. And some still want to do it the old
27 way.

28 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: But if you electronically deposit
29 it, I used to write my account number on there, but they didn't
30 require it. So when I electronically deposit my checks like
31 that at the ATM, I don't put an account number on the back. I
32 just put "For Deposit Only" and send it to --

33 PAT FOLEY: No, no, no. We still have you endorse it. We
34 have you endorse it. So it would be paid to order of Lander
35 County. But there's no need to put --

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Personal information.

37 PAT FOLEY: -- "Pay to the Order of Lander County, Account
38 Number" and then put the account number.

39 LURA DUVALL: What if it's not Lander County, but just a
40 business account.

1 PAT FOLEY: Business you put down pay to the order of the
2 business itself.
3 LURA DUVALL: That's it.
4 PAT FOLEY: You don't need to put --
5 GRACE POWRIE: You do it in personal life as well as a
6 business is what you're saying.
7 PAT FOLEY: You put pay to order of the person, and you
8 sign it, but don't put your account number on there.
9 GRACE POWRIE: We went through the county and changed every
10 endorsement stamp --
11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And the whole state has. I know I
12 still get the state checks.
13 GRACE POWRIE: -- and took the accounts off everything.
14 LURA DUVALL: I did not know that.
15 COMMISSIONER MASON: So if I write a Wells Fargo check,
16 what happens to that original check?
17 PAT FOLEY: Basically, it's destroyed on the spot.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
19 LURA DUVALL: Oh, wow.
20 PAT FOLEY: And the image -- it became -- it became one,
21 very cumbersome and costly to keep transporting checks out for
22 capture. And then to have somebody sit there and encode when
23 technology now has it to where you can scan a check and pick up
24 the dollar amounts on there automatically and then have it
25 electronically deposited. And that's -- it was all -- where the
26 big issue lied with the creation of that was for fraud -- was
27 for the fraud, but also taking an image of a check and using
28 that through the court system. And Check 21 environment through
29 Congress enabled that image to be a legal document.
30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: So that's how come they can take
31 a picture of their check and deposit it.
32 PAT FOLEY: Correct. Correct. Because at one point in
33 time that was not going to allowed because of the issue of could
34 you use an image as a replacement document. And that finally
35 was enabled.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
37 PAT FOLEY: Thank you.
38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, very much.
39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Break. Five minutes.
40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's take a -- Grace

1 is up there. Can we take a five-minute break?

2 GRACE POWRIE: We can break.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

4 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Grace, maybe we can get a spelling
5 on the last name just to make sure.

6 GRACE POWRIE: F-O-L-E-Y.

7 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Thank you, very much. I appreciate
8 that.

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10 [Break taken between 10:30 a.m. and 10:42 a.m.]

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12 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's call the
13 meeting back to order. We're on Item 10.

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15 10) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of an
16 increase in funding for the cemetery fencing project located
17 at the Battle Mountain Cemetery and other matters properly
18 related thereto.

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20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
21 regarding approval of an increase in funding for the cemetery
22 fence project located at the Battle Mountain Cemetery and other
23 matters properly related thereto.

24 You're up, Grace. Again.

25 GRACE POWRIE: Again. I believe, Mark, earlier in the
26 engineering item had brought up the fact that we had went out to
27 bid. And the cost, basically, came in quite a bit over what I
28 had come before for you for budgeting purposes. And basically,
29 when it all started and the architect was put on, we got bad
30 numbers for the fence that we truly, truly went out to bid for.
31 The numbers were too low. You know, so there was no way that --
32 whether we got one bid or ten, I believe we were short on our
33 budget numbers.

34 And I would like to go forward with this, but I believe,
35 you know, we need to make sure that the money's available, or
36 you're willing to put the money out there to do the project.

37 And then whether we do it now, or I --

38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You already have 391,000 allocated.

39 GRACE POWRIE: No, there's --

40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's the difference?

1 GRACE POWRIE: No, three -- um, 235- is all I've asked for
2 budgeting. It's going to be close to 500,000.

3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: For a fence?

4 GRACE POWRIE: For the fence around the mile of the
5 cemetery. It's the wrought iron fence that you guys had
6 approved the design.

7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We approved the front.

8 GRACE POWRIE: Well, the front of the design. Yes. And I
9 believe -- let me give you this so you can see. The wrought
10 iron would go completely around. The front is the entrance and
11 exit. The entrance and exit had a little bit more design in it
12 so that it would -- so that it would look nicer.

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: My understanding, Grace, was not --
14 not just the fence. The putting in the fence was running into
15 problems with all the lines and all the other the problems.

16 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah, we've already removed all the trees
17 and the trunks and all that, which was pretty costly, which was
18 not part of my original budgeted amount either. And then the
19 fence -- the wrought iron, we had some crosses for designs,
20 which you can see on the second page, the entrance and exit.
21 That all got taken out. That was just -- that was the
22 Cadillac -- let's put it that way -- of designs.

23 Right now we, basically, are looking at the second fence in
24 your color -- what are you smiling about, Brian?

25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We need the Yugo, I guess -- if this
26 is the Cadillac.

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: I want to ask you a question.

28 GRACE POWRIE: Yes.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Originally, we budgeted so much money.

30 GRACE POWRIE: 230,000.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: What's left in that budget at this
32 point?

33 GRACE POWRIE: I believe 212-.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: \$212,000 is unspent.

35 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah, we've done tree removal. We've done
36 architectural, surveying. All that kind of stuff came out of
37 that.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: So how much of the 212- has been
39 obligated to anything?

40 GRACE POWRIE: It's still sitting in --

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
2 GRACE POWRIE: That -- the thing is, is it's going to --
3 with the new figures that we got, with the -- not the
4 contractors, but the -- Mark, who? Who went and got our new
5 numbers for us as far as just --
6 MARK BRETHAUER: I can't remember the name of the fence
7 companies and the people we spoke to.
8 GRACE POWRIE: We -- yeah, we checked with fence companies
9 and this is the amount that the panels, we're going to go with
10 the eight-foot panels instead of the pre-fab panels. They're
11 just a lot -- they're strong. They're sturdy. They're still
12 very nice looking, but they're not as expensive.
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And they'll last as long?
14 MARK BRETHAUER: And reduced the gauge of the material a
15 little. Yeah, we reduced the gauge of the material, so the
16 thicker metal on the first go around. And so that's one of the
17 features we reduced. It's still a strong fence.
18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So you're still -- you need 391,000
19 more?
20 GRACE POWRIE: Just under five. I don't see the --
21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It says 400,000 short.
22 GRACE POWRIE: That was compared to the bid we got. That
23 626- was the bid we got. And the numbers came in at, basically,
24 I think 485-, something in that -- something in that range. We
25 cut about 125- off that 620- --
26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Oh, I see now.
27 GRACE POWRIE: 626- with the change of the gauge of the --
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Have we --
29 GRACE POWRIE: -- wrought iron.
30 MARK BRETHAUER: And the first bid, too, it included a lot
31 of additional lighting that we'd put in the bid as well.
32 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah.
33 MARK BRETHAUER: It was getting rid of those four, old
34 light posts that were out there and putting some more ornate
35 lamp posts out there. And that was quite a chunk of money.
36 That was 75,- to \$100,000 just for that electrical work.
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that in now?
38 GRACE POWRIE: No.
39 MARK BRETHAUER: No, no, no. It's now removed from the
40 contract.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, okay. You took it out. So --
2 MARK BRETHAUER: So just what she's asking for is the
3 difference is just for fencing alone. Plus the possibility of
4 having to relocate some of the watering -- water conduits that
5 were in the perimeter in the way of the new fencing.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, explain --
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think we just need to go,
8 (whistling). And it needs to be put on budgeting. It just
9 needs to be brought --
10 GRACE POWRIE: And that's -- that's why I'm here. If you
11 guys want to go forward.
12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: There's no money here anyway. We
13 can't -- we can't give you anything we don't have. It hasn't
14 been budgeted for.
15 GRACE POWRIE: Correct. There is a way though. If you
16 chose to do it early in the spring so it could be finalized in
17 the summer. Any project that you have budgeted for and doesn't
18 meet or utilize all those moneys, Rogene can augment the budget.
19 Those moneys can be allocated to a project to get done early and
20 then the budget process when we go in in March, you would
21 subsidize that money back. I can go in March during budgets,
22 and we can be through this then. I just -- if you want to go
23 through with it. I mean, you know, I think the community needs
24 to show pride in their cemetery.
25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But I don't think we need to show
26 \$500,000 pride. With all due respect, a \$500,000 fence around
27 the cemetery.
28 GRACE POWRIE: But everybody here goes to that cemetery.
29 Everybody is truly affected by that cemetery by a loved one or a
30 friend.
31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, yeah, but -- I absolutely agree
32 with that. I'm not -- I'm not saying that. I'm just saying --
33 GRACE POWRIE: But it's also the center of town.
34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We don't need the Cadillac.
35 GRACE POWRIE: No, we're not after Cadillac anymore. I'm
36 going to BMW now.
37 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You're still after Cadillac with 500
38 grand because --
39 GRACE POWRIE: Well, and it's pretty and you're not --
40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I mean, we could go with a chain link

1 with pretty inserts or something like that.
2 GRACE POWRIE: We've got that. Have you seen the fence?
3 Have you really went and looked at the fence?
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah. It's not --
5 GRACE POWRIE: It is awful. It's a beautification issue
6 right in the center of town.
7 MARK BRETHAUER: One of the options we also considered was
8 possibly removing the pilasters. That was one of the things, I
9 believe, we haven't mentioned that yet. There's -- Grace has
10 specified every 50 feet a concrete pilaster which is a 24 by 24
11 inch -- it has a -- it's got a pretty good-sized foundation on
12 it.
13 GRACE POWRIE: If you -- if you look at the design --
14 MARK BRETHAUER: Those can be removed --
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Will you explain to me the lighting
16 that we're talking about here?
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, they took it out.
18 GRACE POWRIE: We were -- we were looking at putting some
19 lighting inside the cemetery --
20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay, but that's --
21 GRACE POWRIE: That's not in there.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That's a no.
23 GRACE POWRIE: But we do -- we do -- we would like to put
24 lighting at the entrance and exit on the top two pilasters.
25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And I -- I honestly --
26 GRACE POWRIE: And if you don't want lighting, we can pull
27 that out.
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I would honestly -- if you're
29 going -- we're going to expand this budget that much, we should
30 expand it into lighting with perimeter pole -- or with poles
31 with LED -- the rechargeable lights so you could actually see at
32 nighttimes if kids are missing around or something in there
33 versus trying to keep the fence. The kids --
34 GRACE POWRIE: It's more of -- to me, it's more of a
35 beautification. We spend your whole life taking care of the
36 dump in the community and the grave site in the community. You
37 have to have respect for both.
38 COMMISSIONER MASON: I want to say that -- I -- in one way,
39 I agree with you that we should take pride in our projects and
40 this one especially. But how much. -- with \$212,000, how much of

1 this wrought iron can you put up now.
2 GRACE POWRIE: I would imagine, just guesstimation,
3 probably the front fence.
4 COMMISSIONER MASON: About how much?
5 GRACE POWRIE: The front fence.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Just the front?
7 GRACE POWRIE: Because we're running into water lines. And
8 we're running into having to replace those as we put in our
9 fence. We don't know what we're going to end up with. We are
10 very limited to space between the graves and the fence as it is.
11 MARK BRETHAUER: The front entrance is probably your higher
12 cost, because of the ornate structures, both the entrance and
13 exit Grace has chosen.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: I guess I'm leaning to this. Can we
15 do this in sections?
16 GRACE POWRIE: Absolutely. We can do it any way you
17 choose.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, I mean --
19 GRACE POWRIE: I'm just spearheading the project. It's not
20 Grace's project. It's the Lander County or Battle Mountain
21 Cemetery. And I think people need to see it and be proud of it.
22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I think -- but I personally think, we
23 could really do a lot with 200 grand. And maybe we should do
24 something with some of our south cemeteries, too, help them
25 along in other ways --
26 GRACE POWRIE: I have no problem with that.
27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- before we put 500,000 in just
28 Battle Mountain's.
29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.
30 GRACE POWRIE: All can I tell you is that fence has not
31 been --
32 COMMISSIONER GARNER: If we put the same fence in with
33 prettier slats or something, we're still utilizing the same
34 holes.
35 GRACE POWRIE: If that's what you want is slats around it,
36 I mean, that's your choice.
37 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, I'm just saying if they make
38 decorative slats or something that we can afford for -- I mean,
39 we're getting into exorbitant amount of money for a fence.
40 GRACE POWRIE: Well, we are. And I can honestly say it's

1 guaranteed for at least 20 years as far as what the
2 manufacturer, the warrantee on it. The thing is, is I have
3 probably 500 -- 750 more graves to fill. They will be utilized.
4 It's going to take 20 years.

5 COMMISSIONER MASON: How many?

6 GRACE POWRIE: Years or --

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: How many vacancies do we have?

8 GRACE POWRIE: Seven hundred and fifty. Okay, we probably
9 have 750 people over there, if not more. I didn't go count the
10 tickler cards. But you've got four sections of 540 that have to
11 still be filled. And we've got two sections that have been
12 reserved but not filled. And we've got many, many people that
13 have been placed in the cemetery. We have people come for
14 Memorial Day and will have for years. We have funerals. It
15 would be nice that we respect ourselves and our community and
16 put something there that fits the environment. Wrought iron is
17 rustic. It is western. It fits. I don't want stucco fences
18 and cast -- precast fences with all those fancy colors. And
19 anyone that has been here very long has many friends over there.

20 COMMISSIONER MASON: And --

21 GRACE POWRIE: They do go see them.

22 COMMISSIONER MASON: Grace, I want the wrought iron. I
23 like it. But a 20-year guarantee is not very long.

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Uh-mm.

25 GRACE POWRIE: It's standard though. And I'm going to let
26 Mark capitalize on that. Because that's not my expertise. I'm
27 just presenting this.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is there any way you could protect
29 that wrought iron when it goes in the ground? Is there any way
30 you could protect the wrought iron that's posted in the ground
31 from weather? from water? what?

32 MARK BRETHAUER: Well, they come powder coated already. So
33 the powder coating essentially protects the metal. It's
34 galvanized metal.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: But they're still only giving you 20
36 years.

37 MARK BRETHAUER: That's kind of a standard in the industry
38 anyway. I mean, if you --

39 GRACE POWRIE: Galvanized too.

40 MARK BRETHAUER: I think that even the Cadillac would be.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Our guests are permanent.
2 MARK BRETHAUER: They'll say that. They'll say a
3 building's been designed for 50 years. Your buildings will last
4 a lot longer than that. That's just kind of an industry
5 standard kind of speak. You know, who knows if that company
6 will even be around in 20 years. You know, they may not even be
7 around. So -- but it is powder coated. It's a good quality
8 fence.
9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I, personally, believe we ought to
10 table it until budget.
11 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.
12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And re-entertain it at budget.
13 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.
14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I don't think we need to start
15 anything that is going to be one design and come --
16 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: But I thought when we first
17 started this, we were only looking at going across the very
18 front.
19 GRACE POWRIE: We did. When I first brought the design to
20 you, we had the --
21 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I thought we were going to use
22 something --
23 GRACE POWRIE: We had designs of the entrance and exit.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- expensive to go all the way
25 around.
26 GRACE POWRIE: And we also had the materials as far as what
27 style and type of fence we wanted to go with. And then, the
28 second year when I come into budget, I think it was -- the
29 flavor of the Commission to do it all at once, so that we didn't
30 have to rebid four times. My understanding it's cheaper to do
31 the whole project at all once. Well, you can only do the whole
32 project at once if you have the money. And that's where you
33 folks come in place. But, you know, yes, we could take some
34 pilasters out. I love the design of this fence right now. I
35 think it's very complementary. But it's not my decision. It's
36 just an option. And it's what I was told to go forth in doing.
37 And so we've been trying to get the dollar amounts for that.
38 And I'm sorry it's expensive. But you know, there's other
39 fencing projects in the county that have cost over 500,000 too.
40 And it is just chain link. And I don't believe we want --

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where?
2 GRACE POWRIE: Is it not the motocross and the racetrack?
3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Not even close.
4 GRACE POWRIE: That's what I was quoted.
5 ROGENE HILL: Mm-hm.
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Now --
7 ROGENE HILL: Lighting.
8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That was lighting.
9 ROGENE HILL: Lighting.
10 GRACE POWRIE: Lighting and the fencing. Yeah.
11 ROGENE HILL: Yes.
12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, the lighting was tremendous.
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: The lighting -- the lighting --
14 GRACE POWRIE: That's chunk of change too. And I'm not
15 saying that that wasn't important because many people utilize
16 that. But many people utilize this too. And it is in town.
17 And I just think we need to look at it as a long-term thing.
18 It's not something that's just going to be there tomorrow. It's
19 going to be there for years and years and years. And it's not
20 going to get any cheaper. And our county is not going to
21 probably be able to afford this ten years from now any more than
22 they did ten years ago.
23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Where I'm at is just so you know is I
24 agree with it. I'm fine with it. But it's too much.
25 GRACE POWRIE: Okay.
26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Ninety -- ninety percent of the towns
27 you go to don't even have a fence around their cemetery, if you
28 realize that. There are no cemetery fences.
29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Look at Winnemucca.
30 MARK BRETHAUER: Exactly.
31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: A whole bunch of towns. It's a
32 luxury to have the fence. And I think it should be nice. It
33 should be presentable. It should be kept clean. But 90% of
34 your cemeteries don't have fences. So --
35 GRACE POWRIE: So we should just take it down then.
36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's not what I'm saying, Grace.
37 I'm just saying. I don't disagree, but I agree it's a lot of --
38 that's a whole lot of money.
39 GRACE POWRIE: It is a lot of money. It's a lot of fence.
40 It's almost a mile.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

2 GRACE POWRIE: It's seven and a half acres, I think. So
3 you're not going to get it done for nothing. I mean, that's --
4 I mean, you can throw an inexpensive fence up there. And it's
5 going be an inexpensive fence. And it's going to come down
6 faster. You pay for what you get. So you either --

7 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well, let's try it another way. How
8 about just taking \$200,000 and 12-, \$212,000 and putting up as
9 much fence as we can?

10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No, because then what if you run out
11 of money. Then you have a fence three quarters of the way done.

12 GRACE POWRIE: I mean, that's a great idea --

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: You have an old and a new.

14 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah, you sure do. You sure do.

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well --

16 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah. I mean, that's a Commission decision.
17 And I will. I'll bring it back to budget.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's the only thing that should
19 be done.

20 GRACE POWRIE: And I'll play with some figures. But I'm
21 not going to be able to cut it down too much more if we stay
22 with the wrought iron. Wrought iron -- I mean, I can cut the
23 gauge down to where you just don't have a whole lot of
24 stability. But I'm after the beautification of it too. Because
25 it does, it --

26 The hospital's there. You've got people, you know,
27 building homes there. You've got -- it's just -- it's just the
28 center of town. It used to be -- it used to be the outskirts of
29 town. It's not anymore. I mean, we've got businesses built all
30 around it. And we've got a trailer park that is another
31 subject. But, you know, just because somebody next door doesn't
32 take care of their things doesn't mean we shouldn't take care of
33 ours. But that's -- that's just Grace's wish list. So --

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think what we're facing is we know
35 as commissioners that we're going to have to be austere in the
36 future, because we're losing some budget in the next year. And
37 as much as we'd like to do all these projects in top fashion,
38 it's tough. It's -- is there not another way to figure this
39 out? Two hundred thousand's a lot of money.

40 GRACE POWRIE: It is.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, it is.
2 GRACE POWRIE: It is. It's a lot of fence too though.
3 That's the thing. It's not just a small area. There's a lot of
4 fence there.
5 So what I can do is I can go back and we can pull pilasters
6 out, do nothing but the fence itself. Get costs on that.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Just make a motion to move this
8 on to the budget.
9 GRACE POWRIE: Yeah.
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah. I make a motion to defer to
11 budget.
12 GRACE POWRIE: Okay. Thank you for your time.
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.
14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That was first and second. Any
15 other public comment?
16 (No comment.)
17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
21 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks, Grace.
23 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Grace.
24 GRACE POWRIE: You're very welcome. Thank you.
25 COMMISSIONER MASON: I like it too. I wish we could do it,
26 but it's tough.

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29 **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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31 11) **Discussion for possible action regarding update by Judie**
32 **Allan, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), on the**
33 **status of the I-80 Pedestrian/Bicycle Overpass Project;**
34 **request for the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to**
35 **administer the project; and other matters properly related**
36 **thereto.**
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38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Item Number 11, discussion for
39 possible action regarding update by Judie Allan, Regional
40 Transportation Commission (RTC), on the status of the I-80

1 Pedestrian/Bicycle Overpass Project; requested by the Nevada
2 Department of Transportation (NDOT) to administer the project;
3 and other matters properly relating thereto.

4 JUDIE ALLAN: Good morning. I'm Judie Allen with the RTC
5 Board.

6 We started in probably February, applying for federal -- or
7 state assistance through a TAP program, which is a
8 Transportation Alternatives Program. And Patsy and I did a
9 presentation in Elko to the state.

10 And we've actually -- I received a letter some time ago
11 that the state has awarded us \$90,000 to go towards engineering.

12 Now, initially when we started this project, I contacted
13 the state to request if they could -- if we paid for it, would
14 they do it. And because there was no federal or state money
15 involved, they said, no, we can't. Now, they're saying because
16 they have given us this money or will be giving us this money,
17 that they can administer the project.

18 So we've got two options, we can administer the project
19 ourselves or basically, turn it over to the state and say, you
20 guys, design it, put it out for bid, oversee it, and we'll pay
21 for it. So basically, that's where we're at as far as the
22 progress of the bridge.

23 During our last RTC meeting, we three discussed their
24 options. And pretty much all of us thought that it would be a
25 better option for us to go ahead and ask the state to do it.
26 That --

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: I have a question for you.

28 JUDIE ALLAN: Okay.

29 COMMISSIONER MASON: If the state does it, will they
30 maintain it?

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No.

32 JUSTIN MOORE: No, it's still our project. It's still --

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But what they'll pick up, Dave, is
34 the -- I'm on that board, RTC. What -- just to make it simple
35 is if we hand it over to the state, they also gave us the 90
36 grand, but they'll basically so much has to go through the state
37 with the right-of-ways, the over-height, all that good stuff --
38 so much of it's already going to have to be handled through the
39 state. This just makes it a -- just a slim line process to
40 where they're just going to handle it all. We don't have to go

1 back and forth to petition --
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: And yeah, that's what I was asking,
3 too. And I think that's a good deal.
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It is a really good deal because --
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: We put up four and a half million
6 dollars. What happens to that?
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's ours.
8 JUDIE ALLAN: That -- it -- well --
9 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We pay for it.
10 JUDIE ALLAN: We have to pay for the -- we have to pay the
11 state.
12 COMMISSIONER MASON: But what if it's six million?
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It won't --
14 JUDIE ALLAN: It won't be. We --
15 COMMISSIONER MASON: It has to be all inclusive.
16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It is.
17 JUDIE ALLAN: Right.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay.
19 JUDIE ALLAN: And we've got a preliminary engineer's
20 estimate.
21 And time factor also, that was one of my concerns with
22 going with the state, because we have to follow in their
23 scheduling. Because the state's already got projects on their
24 books and more and what not. So it will have to be worked into
25 that.
26 I was a little concerned that, you know, where is that
27 going to fall into it? Are we going to be able to do it quicker
28 on our own? I don't believe that's the case. I think the state
29 actually will get it done faster, which is a bonus because --
30 COMMISSIONER MASON: If we let them just have the project.
31 JUSTIN MOORE: If we let them just have the project.
32 Because the sooner you can get it done, the cheaper it's going
33 to be.
34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, I get it.
35 JUDIE ALLAN: If you wait two or three years down the road
36 --
37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, what about the 90,000?
38 JUDIE ALLAN: That --
39 COMMISSIONER MASON: Is that a credit, a debit or a --
40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's a credit for engineering.

1 JUDIE ALLAN: That's a credit for engineering. So
2 basically --
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: They're going to give us 90 grand?
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.
5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Or they're going to spend 90,000 in
6 addition to our four and a half million?
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No, they're going to give us credit
8 towards --
9 JUDIE ALLAN: They're going to give us a credit. And so
10 basically, that 90,000, if we were to do it on our own, would go
11 towards engineering. We would have to pay that to the engineer.
12 Um, so this, because the state will be engineering it, it will
13 go to the state.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: Okay, so when it's all said and
15 done --
16 JUDIE ALLAN: It's ours.
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's ours, and what? We have to
18 maintain it?
19 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yep.
20 JUDIE ALLAN: Yeah.
21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, there's virtually no
22 maintenance to it.
23 COMMISSIONER MASON: It's going to be all concrete and
24 wire; isn't it?
25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's all going to be iron and
26 powdered coated.
27 COMMISSIONER MASON: Concrete and metal.
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah. It's --
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Good. Okay.
30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's virtually no -- virtually no
31 maintenance.
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: What about the liability? Does the
33 state pick that up?
34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes. That's why we're handing it to
35 them.
36 COMMISSIONER MASON: I mean, as far as insurance goes?
37 JUDIE ALLAN: During the project. After -- after it's
38 completed, no. It's -- it will be --
39 COMMISSIONER MASON: We have to insure it?
40 JUDIE ALLAN: Right. I'm -- I'm not sure.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We do that anyway.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's county property.
3 JUDIE ALLAN: It's county property.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's just like our overpass here.
5 It's still ours.
6 COMMISSIONER MASON: But see, I want to give it to the
7 state and let them do the thing.
8 JUDIE ALLAN: Oh.
9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, that wasn't one of the options.
11 JUDIE ALLAN: Yeah, I -- I could ask them. But I don't
12 think --
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They're -- they're not going to take
14 it.
15 JUDIE ALLAN: Yeah. I don't think they want it. Because
16 they're trying to give us stuff.
17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, they're trying to give us
18 roads. They're not going to take a bridge.
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: We could -- we could take that money
20 back and finish the cemetery fence.
21 JUDIE ALLAN: Well, if there's any left over.
22 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'm kidding. I'm kidding. I don't
23 know what we want to do.
24 JUDIE ALLAN: So basically --
25 COMMISSIONER MASON: You guys have a committee. And the
26 committee has suggested that we go this way, right?
27 JUDIE ALLAN: Yes.
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We need to make a motion?
29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yep. You?
30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Doesn't matter. Make a motion that
31 we are -- upon RTC's --
32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Recommendation.
33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- recommendation that we turn over
34 the overpass safety pedestrian bridge to the NDOT to administer
35 the project.
36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
37 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?
38 (No comment.)
39 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks, Judy.
5 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any opposed?
6 (No comment.)
7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you, Judy.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you.
9 JUDIE ALLAN: Thank you.

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12 COMMISSIONERS

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14 12) Discussion for possible action regarding the request from
15 Angela Alexander, Battle Mountain Archery Club, for
16 acceptance of the building and attached yard that was offered
17 by Lander County as a potential future site for the archery
18 club, and other matters properly related thereto.

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20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right, Number 12, discussion
21 for possible action regarding the request by Angela Alexander,
22 Battle Mountain Archery Club, for acceptance of the building and
23 attached yard that was offered by Lander County as a potential
24 future site for the archery club, and other matters properly
25 related thereto.

26 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Wayne Alexander, President of the Battle
27 Mountain Archery Club.

28 I did have a chance to go and look at that property with
29 Jake. He did give me a tour of the building and what land was
30 available to us. I think we can make that work. I'd like to
31 proceed with that.

32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Would you review what you plan to do
33 with it? I mean, not just the building, but how many -- are you
34 going to put up a course?

35 WAYNE ALEXANDER: I'm going to put --

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: An archery course?

37 WAYNE ALEXANDER: We can put up a permanent bag target
38 range in that slough area. So that's what we're doing.

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: How many targets?

40 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Out to probably a hundred yards we could

1 put a permanent bag target range there.
2 COMMISSIONER MASON: I guess what I have in my mind is the
3 archery courses I'm familiar with are like golf courses.
4 WAYNE ALEXANDER: That -- we can do that when we choose to,
5 but I think we'd have to incorporate some of the raceway when
6 they're not using it to utilize that. We can do that. But as
7 far as a permanent bag target range for people to go out and
8 sight in and shoot, we can use that slough area as a permanent
9 bag target range.
10 The building, we can do some modifications in there. And
11 we could actually have an indoor shooting area.
12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Really? Okay.
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Good.
14 WAYNE ALEXANDER: I think we can get up to maybe -- we
15 might even be able to get 40 yards in there if we set it up
16 right. We'd have to do some modifications there. Um, probably
17 get with Joe to see what we can do on the inside as far as
18 restructuring.
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Is --
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: Are there bathroom facilities?
21 WAYNE ALEXANDER: There is.
22 COMMISSIONER MASON: Are they usable?
23 WAYNE ALEXANDER: In the building, yes. From what I was
24 told. There's already a men's and a women's bathroom facility
25 in there already. So --
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: They're not worn out or --
27 WAYNE ALEXANDER: They're not even completely finished.
28 We'd have to finish them.
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: Oh, okay.
30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: The -- is there -- do you need any --
31 I mean, I don't know if Donnie has anything for chip sealant or
32 grindings or anything that could help in the future for maybe a
33 road, or -- but --
34 DONNIE NEGRO: We've talked to them.
35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Okay, Donnie's good about helping
36 out.
37 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Yeah, in the future, I think, when the
38 weather gets better, where we can do something --
39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.
40 WAYNE ALEXANDER: -- on the outside area, I think we can do

1 something.

2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to -- get my computer
3 back -- to direct staff, ie. Nicole, to come up with a contract
4 between the Battle Mountain Archery Club and Lander County for
5 the future acceptance of this site for use of archery.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Didn't have -- going to have to
7 be a lease involved in it too.

8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah. It'd be a -- it -- Nicole, it
9 would be -- it's -- I think you'd be pretty close to your
10 racetrack leases and all of that.

11 NICOLE TING: Yeah. Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They'd have to have a court
13 certificate showing the county as a --

14 WAYNE ALEXANDER: You have any idea of how much that is?

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They're not much.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think if we get the legal part of it
19 set up, I think the county would be smart to help out wherever
20 it can down the road. I just don't know where we're going at
21 this point.

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, and once it's established --
23 and we have done this. That's why he's here. Like Donnie just
24 said, he can help. Now, he's an established -- he has a
25 position.

26 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: He's looking at leasing the
27 property and then he can do the improvements as he has help or
28 money to do that.

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But then he can go to other boards
30 and ask for other money and assistance also.

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Are you okay with that?

32 WAYNE ALEXANDER: I'm okay with that. Yeah.

33 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

36 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

37 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Those opposed?

39 (None opposed.)

40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

1 WAYNE ALEXANDER: Thank you.

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3 13) Discussion for possible action regarding update by Phil
4 Hanna, Battle Mountain General Hospital CEO, on the emergency
5 medical services in Lander County, under administration by
6 the Lander County Hospital District (LCHD), and other matters
7 properly related thereto.

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9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number 13, discussion for
10 possible action regarding update by Phil Hanna, Battle Mountain
11 Hospital CEO, on the emergency medical services in Lander
12 County, under administration by the Lander County Hospital
13 District (LCHD), and other matters properly relating thereto.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're deferring that.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We're deferring that. We got a
16 request because Phil had an unexpected call out of town for a
17 family emergency and won't be back until December 16th. So
18 we'll have a motion to defer.

19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Motion to defer.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Second.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

22 (No comment.)

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All favor?

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.

27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

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30 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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32 14) Discussion for possible action regarding final acceptance of
33 the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for
34 the Kingston Town Water Utility Storage Tank Replacement, and
35 any other applications which may be received up to the time
36 of this meeting, to be submitted for the 2014 grant cycle and
37 other matters properly related thereto.

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39 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number 14, discussion for
40 possible action regarding final acceptance of the Community

1 Development Block Grant (CDBG) application by the Kingston Town
2 Water Utility Storage Tank Replacement, and other applications,
3 which may be received by the time of this meeting, to submittal
4 for the 2014 grant cycle and other properly -- and other matters
5 properly related thereto.

6 GINA LITTLE: Hello. Gina Little, Community Services
7 Officer.

8 As of to date, we don't have any other applications.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Besides Kingston.

10 GINA LITTLE: The only one we have is the Kingston
11 application. And that application was presented to the board
12 last meeting. Therefore, we ask that that application be
13 approved and proceed to the state's CDBG program.

14 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So do we have two -- two that we need
15 to --

16 GINA LITTLE: If we had two, we would ask that you would
17 rank them, --

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And there's only one.

19 GINA LITTLE: -- prior to.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: There's only one.

21 GINA LITTLE: But only one has been received.

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion we accept the -- the
23 acceptance of the grant CDBG application for the Kingston Town
24 Water Storage Utility -- Water Utility Storage Tank Replacement,
25 funding 2014 cycle.

26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah. I want to review a little bit.
29 Originally, I thought it was one tank, now it's two?

30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: No.

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No.

32 GINA LITTLE: It was -- it was two.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: I misread it then.

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's one tank.

35 COMMISSIONER MASON: Well. Have you looked this over,
36 Mark?

37 MARK BRETHAUER: I just saw the proposal come through a few
38 days ago from the engineer's desk for a request for a quote for
39 the tank itself.

40 COMMISSIONER MASON: We only get one bid. We only get one

1 bid on this. And what are we going to do? Jump on it?
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Dave. Not our baby --
3 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Not our baby.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: CDBG.
5 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We're just approving for them to
6 put in for the block grant money.
7 GINA LITTLE: Yeah.
8 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It's not coming from the county.
9 It will come from the -- this block grant for them to do that.
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Kingston is their own --
11 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Own thing. All we're doing is
12 we're giving them permission to apply for the CDBG block grant.
13 I have a first and second.
14 All those in favor?
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
16 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Those opposed.
19 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah. No.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Motion carries.
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23 **PLANNING COMMISSION**

24
25 15) Discussion for possible action regarding approval/disapproval
26 of a parcel map for Lander County, located in a portion of
27 Section 11, T31N, R44E, APN 010-430-08, splitting one (1)
28 parcel into two (2) parcels and other matters properly
29 related thereto.
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31 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Number 15, discussion for
32 possible action regarding approval/disapproval of the parcel map
33 for Lander County, located in the portion of Section 11, T31N,
34 R44 East, APN 010-430-08, splitting one parcel into two parcels
35 and other matters properly related thereto.

36 GINA LITTLE: This parcel map is for the purpose of Lander
37 County obtaining the 20-acres for Well Number 4 -- or Number 9.
38 I apologize.

39 It's gone through all the procedures required. All the
40 utility companies have reviewed and approved and signed the

1 mylar.

2 It was approved at the Planning Commission meeting
3 yesterday, December 11th.

4 And we're asking that the Board of County Commissioners
5 approve the parcel map and sign the mylar.

6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion the Commission
7 approve the decision of the Planning Commission and uphold that
8 decision and approve the parcel map for Lander County, located
9 in a portion of Section 12, T31N, R45 --

10 MARK BRETHAUER: 44.

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm?

12 MARK BRETHAUER: Range 44. I thought you said 45.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Isn't it supposed to be Section
14 11?

15 MARK BRETHAUER: Section 11.

16 GINA LITTLE: Section 11.

17 MARK BRETHAUER: Right.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You said 12.

19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Ay? It's not agendized right.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The background has Section 11, T31.
21 The recommended action doesn't. So you need to backtrack, I
22 guess.

23 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Was it agendized correctly?

24 GINA LITTLE: It is agendized Section 11, Township 31
25 North, Range 44 East.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So we're good.

27 GINA LITTLE: That is correct.

28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'll back that up to Section 11.

29 GINA LITTLE: Yes.

30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: T31 North, and just put N.

31 GINA LITTLE: Yeah.

32 COMMISSIONER GARNER: R44E, APN 010-430-08 splitting one
33 parcel into two parcels.

34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do I have a second?

35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We're okay with the parcel number?

36 GINA LITTLE: Yes. That is it.

37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. I'll second that motion.

38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?
39 (No comment.)

40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
2 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
5 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Those opposed.
6 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Good save, whoever it was.
7 GINA LITTLE: Perfect. Thank you.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yeah.
9 GINA LITTLE: Is -- is the vice chair --
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Vice chair.
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to go
12 back --
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Can I add that into my motion to have
14 the Vice Chair sign that also?
15 COMMISSIONER WAITS: The mylar?
16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: The mylar.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Second. The permission.
18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
22 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Would you go back to 14 for me,
24 please. I'd like to amend my vote to a yes vote.
25 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.
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27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Now, we can we go back and open
28 up 14.
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31 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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33 14) Discussion for possible action regarding final acceptance of
34 the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for
35 the Kingston Town Water Utility Storage Tank Replacement, and
36 any other applications which may be received up to the time
37 of this meeting, to be submitted for the 2014 grant cycle and
38 other matters properly related thereto.
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40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action

1 regarding final acceptance of the Community Development Block
2 Grant (CDBG) application for the Kingston Town Water Utility
3 Storage Tank Replacement, and other applications which may be
4 received up to the time of this meeting, to be submitted for the
5 2014 grant cycle and other matters properly related thereto.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you. I want to amend my nay
7 vote to a yes vote.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: You're welcome.
11 Let's go to Item 16.

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14 **COMMISSIONERS**

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16 16) **Discussion for possible action regarding review and approval**
17 **of the Purchase and Sales Agreement between Lander County and**
18 **New Nevada Lands, LLC, for the purchase by Lander County of a**
19 **twenty (20) acre parcel for Section 11, T31N, R44E, MDM,**
20 **further defined as Parcel B of the parcel map referred to in**
21 **the previous agenda item and other matters properly related**
22 **thereto.**

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24 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
25 regarding review and approval of the Purchase and Sales
26 Agreement between Lander County and New Nevada Lands, LLC, for
27 the purchase of the Lander -- by Lander County of a 20-acre
28 parcel of Section 11, T31 North, R44 East, MDM, further
29 discussion as Parcel B of the map referred to in the previous
30 agenda item and other matters properly related thereto.

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Correction. Previous defined.
32 Further defined as.

33 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh. Sorry.

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion -- Commission approve
35 the Purchase and Sales Agreement between Lander County and New
36 Nevada Lands, LLC, for the purchase of Lander County property as
37 Section 11, T31N, R44E, MDM, in the amount --

38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I think that's in the next agenda
39 item.

40 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Oh.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Do you want the amount?
2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We might as well put the amount in
3 there.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: \$37,500.
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: \$37,500.
6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do I have a second?
7 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll second.
8 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Did you want anything on it to open
9 escrow now or does that need to be another provision?
10 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's in the next account.
11 That's in the next item. Deposit into escrow.
12 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Okay. Thank you.
13 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: This is -- this is Well Number 9,
15 right?
16 MARK BRETHAUER: Correct. Correct.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Right.
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Twenty acres.
19 MARK BRETHAUER: Correct.
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: With an easement?
21 MARK BRETHAUER: Exactly. Yep.
22 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
23 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
25 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Those opposed?
28 (None opposed.)
29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Go to Item Number 17.
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31 **17) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the**
32 **payment and deposit into escrow of \$37,500.00 under the terms**
33 **of the Purchase and Sales Agreement between Lander County and**
34 **New Nevada Lands, LLC, and other matters properly related**
35 **thereto.**
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37 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
38 regarding approval of the payment and deposit into escrow of
39 \$37,500.00 under the terms of the Purchase and Sales Agreement
40 between Lander County and New Nevada Lands, LLC, and other

1 matters properly related thereto.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: How do we choose the title company?
3 MARK BRETHAUER: They did that already. And it was in the
4 agreement, name specified. I don't remember. I can't remember
5 the company's name. I don't have that -- a copy of that
6 agreement in front of me, but we mirrored exactly what we did.
7 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: We've got to change the tape.
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9 (Adjustments to the audio recording were made at 11:21 a.m.)
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11 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Okay. Sorry.
12 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It's all right.
13 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I don't know how that happened.
14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Okay, let's go back into --
15 meeting -- call the meeting back to order.
16 Mark.
17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm okay. They're all good companies.
18 I just wondered if we'd chosen agents.
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We're clear on that?
20 MARK BRETHAUER: Yeah, that the title company was chosen by
21 New Nevada Lands. So --
22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion that the Commission
23 approve the deposit of 5,000 and the balance of the purchase
24 price of 32,500 into the designated escrow account at Western
25 Title Company Incorporated.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any other public comment?
28 (No comment.)
29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: All those in --
30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All those in favor?
31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
32 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
33 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
35 Was the last motion for 32 thousand five? Or was it 37-?
36 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It was 37,000 five.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thirty-seven. No, you said it right.
38 Five thousand with a balance of 32 five. That's what you said.
39 That's correct.
40 MARK BRETHAUER: It's correct. Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I thought I said 32 last time.
2 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You're right.
3 NICOLE TING: Do you want to request the treasurer to make
4 that remittance?
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's what the whole agenda is
6 about.
7 NICOLE TING: Okay.
8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Should be. Right?
9 NICOLE TING: Do you need to put that in a motion?
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Huh? No, she put it on here.
11 NICOLE TING: Okay.
12 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We'll go on to Item Number 18.

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14 **18) Discussion for possible action regarding review and approval**
15 **of a Grant of Easement from Lander County to NV Energy for a**
16 **fifteen (15) foot wide easement on APN 010-430-36 (Well #8),**
17 **and other matters properly related thereto.**
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19 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
20 regarding review and approval of a Grant of Easement from Lander
21 County to NV Energy for a 15-foot wide easement on APN
22 010-430-36 (Well #8), and the other -- and other matters
23 properly related thereto.

24 MARK BRETHAUER: All right. As I mentioned earlier, this
25 is basically just to get where the power terminates right now at
26 Well #8, across the remainder of our property and then on up the
27 line to Well #9. We have to give them an easement for that.
28 The easement stops just short of the supply to Well #8.

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion we --

30 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's where we originate our power is
31 in eight.

32 MARK BRETHAUER: Exactly. Right.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: I got it.

34 MARK BRETHAUER: A lot of details.

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion the grant of an
36 easement for a 15-foot wide utility easement on Lander
37 County-owned land for the purpose of construction of maintaining
38 an electrical power distribution line that will extend from well
39 -- from the existing Well 8 where the electrical distribution
40 line currently terminates to a location where the municipal Well

1 9 is being constructed and for the Vice Chair to sign in front
2 of a notary.

3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

5 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah. Is the -- is the easement
6 strictly for power?

7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes.

8 MARK BRETHAUER: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.

10 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's it?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yeah, that's all their asking
12 for.

13 MARK BRETHAUER: Construction maintenance. Right.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

15 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Those opposed?

20 (None opposed.)

21 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's go to Item
22 Number 19.

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25 **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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27 19) **Discussion for possible action regarding appointment of**
28 **Philip Gray to the 2014-2015 Category 2 Lander County**
29 **Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and other matters properly**
30 **related thereto.**

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32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
33 regarding approval of Phil Gray to the 2014-2015 Category 2
34 Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and other
35 matters properly related thereto.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion that we reappoint
37 Phil Gray to the 2014/15 Category 2 Lander County Advisory Board
38 to manage wildlife.

39 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

1 (No comment.)
2 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
4 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
5 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All opposed?
8 (None opposed.)
9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's go to Item
10 Number 20.
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13 **20) Discussion for possible action regarding appointment of Judie**
14 **Allan to the 2014-2015 Category 1 Regional Transportation**
15 **Commission and other matters properly related thereto.**
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17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
18 regarding appointment -- reappointment of Judie Allan to the
19 2014-2015 Category 1 Regional Transportation Commission and
20 other matters properly related thereto.
21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make an appoint -- I make a motion
22 to reappoint Judie Allan to the 2014/15 Category 1 Regional
23 Transportation Commission.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.
25 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
26 (No comment.)
27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.
31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any opposed?
33 (None opposed.)
34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go to Item 21.
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1 COMMISSIONERS

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3 21) Discussion for possible action regarding the Nevada Division
4 of Water Resources FY 2014-2015 budget for the: a) Antelope
5 Valley Groundwater Basin; b) Boulder Flat Groundwater Basin;
6 c) Clovers Area Groundwater Basin; d) Crescent Valley
7 Groundwater Basin; e) Humboldt River Distribution; f)
8 Kingston Creek (Big Smoky Creek); g) Lower Reese River Valley
9 Area Groundwater Basin; h) Middle Reese River Valley
10 Groundwater Basin; i) Whirlwind Valley Groundwater Basin; and
11 other matters properly related thereto.
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13 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
14 regarding the Nevada Division of Water Resources FY 2014-2015
15 budget for the: a) Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin; b) the
16 Boulder Flats Groundwater Basin; c) Clover Area Groundwater
17 Basin; d) Crescent Valley Groundwater Basin; e) Humboldt River
18 District; f) Kingston Creek (Big Smoky Creek); g) Lower Reese
19 River Valley Area Groundwater Basin; h) Middle Reese River
20 Valley Groundwater Basin; i) Whirl -- Whirlwind Valley
21 Groundwater Basin; and other matters properly related thereto.

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to --

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Defer the items.

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Did you have something to say?

25 I make a motion to defer. Seven of the nine budgets have
26 only been received.

27 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

28 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

29 (No comment.)

30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.

34 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
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1 22) Discussion and update regarding issues pertaining to the
2 Nevada Land Management Task Force, which was created pursuant
3 to AB 227, including community input on public land issues,
4 and other matters properly related thereto.
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6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion and upgrade regarding
7 issuing pertain -- issues pertaining to the Nevada Land
8 Management Task Force, which was created pursuant to AB 227,
9 including community input on public land issues, and other
10 matters properly related thereto.

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Thank you. This is me from my last
12 meeting last Friday. And I'd like to get it on the agenda
13 occasionally so we have an opportunity for the public to give us
14 any input and ask any questions regarding what the task force
15 may be doing or what we're considering and where we are. I do
16 give a report at every meeting, but that doesn't give our public
17 any opportunity to really comment. They just comment on the
18 public comment. And then we can't address their items. And so
19 they go away wondering what the answer was. And that's a poor
20 way to handle that. So we want to be sure that we get on the
21 agenda every so often.

22 Actually, we are coming along. We're hearing a lot of
23 input from many different organizations.

24 And on this last one, we actually had two different
25 attorneys talk to us about the legality, if we actually went
26 ahead. So the presentation on the argument in favor of the
27 constitutionality of a state demand for transfer of all public
28 lands -- that was given to us by the Attorney General out of
29 Utah, because they are in the middle of all of that, a little
30 bit ahead of us.

31 And then there was a preparation on the argument against
32 the constitutionality of a state demand for transfer of all
33 public lands, federal public lands. And that was given us to by
34 professor of law, University of Colorado.

35 And it was -- it was very interesting on how everything
36 came about, and why they thought we could, and the enabling act
37 of the first original 13 colonies, how they came in, and how
38 they kept all their public lands. And all of a sudden the west
39 starts coming in, and we didn't.

40 And I guess, that's -- that's what courts are made of.

1 You've got two people arguing, and it was really very
2 interesting. Not only did they have both really pertinent
3 information, but they actually asked questions and commented on
4 each other's briefs. So it was -- that was interesting by
5 itself.

6 The other thing very interesting was we held it in Clark
7 County. And so we had a lot of information regarding the BLM in
8 Clark County and what they have been doing. And the local
9 people that spoke up were very much against any public lands
10 going to the state. They also were very much against the
11 committee, and they were very vocal about it. And one still
12 sticks in my mind of the woman that said, I want to know the
13 party affiliation of every one of these task force members. And
14 needless to say, that was public comment, and we did not tell
15 her. But she went on to say, she was very upset with the way
16 the task force was chosen. And of course, that was set up in SB
17 227 that they'd have a representative from our commission on
18 every county. She said, I'm looking at that, and I'm seeing
19 that one task member represents Clark County and two million
20 people and the other 16 represent 700,000. And there's nothing
21 fair about that. And again, no one could really comment. But
22 it is interesting in all the land is. And it's not all sitting
23 Clark County. So it seems, if you're looking at what we're
24 actually considering, it's a little bit different slant. But
25 once again, the committee is absorbing everything that the
26 public wants to give us and the different associations that want
27 to talk to us.

28 We did set a timeline for July. And hoping to have
29 everything all set and the report finished by the end of July so
30 that we'll be on target to go to the legislature. And that's
31 due in September. But we'll have some more tweaking, I'm sure,
32 when we -- when we finish that.

33 But I wondered if anybody did have any comments they'd like
34 me to take back at all or if they have any questions of where we
35 are?

36 JAY FISCHER: I have a question. What's the intent or
37 purpose here of this task force? I know to present something to
38 the legislature. I assume a recommendation, but --

39 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes, SB 227 actually --

40 JAY FISCHER: (Indiscernible.) I'm sorry.

1 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'm sorry -- created the task force to
2 look into the state taking -- making a recommendation to the
3 federal government to take all of our public and federal lands
4 back.

5 JAY FISCHER: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Now, part of that as we're looking at
7 it is, we aren't in any way considering taking all of them back.
8 I mean, we have wilderness areas. We have a national park. We
9 have 20 state parks throughout. And we certainly are not
10 considering that. So it would be more of the other ones. And a
11 big consideration has been when we finish this report of course
12 and what the legislature and what they're going to do with it.

13 If they decide to go ahead, we'll be making
14 recommendations, but it doesn't mean that they will follow our
15 recommendations. Part of what we have to look at is who would
16 be managing these lands and if we'd be taking them back a little
17 at a time as we set up different agencies to do that. Some
18 could. And we've looked at some that can and said they could
19 handle that already -- more staff, how much more, how much it
20 costs us to fight a fire statewide versus how much it costs the
21 federal government to fight a fire, the grazing lands, all that.
22 But some of the big considerations are the lands we have for
23 disposal.

24 Now we're in the middle of our doing our Regional
25 Management Plan with BLM. It hasn't been updated since '84,
26 '86, I guess. And we have to list all the lands that we would
27 like disposed or up for disposal in that. If they're not
28 listed, then we can -- the BLM cannot put them up for disposal.
29 So there's things we've been looking at ahead. This would be an
30 entirely different matter. And if the state got them back, how
31 much the counties would be involved. Multipurpose is one of our
32 big things. And that seems to be what the BLM is destroying is
33 the multipurpose. They're just closing things as we go, hand
34 over fist here.

35 But we have a real concern about how much land would be
36 sold if we indeed had it back in Nevada and how we would go
37 about selling them. Because so much needs to be sold. That's
38 true. And there's all kinds of things.

39 When the lands were given back to us in the original
40 constitution, those lands were to be used for public entities,

1 such as schools and things like that. And they have. And then
2 when they no longer wanted them, they could be sold. But if we
3 say, gee, we don't want you to sell any more than 10% of all of
4 these fabulous lands we have. And would the state honor that or
5 would they not? And so there's some real concerns that the task
6 force is struggling with. And we'll do the recommendations, but
7 that doesn't mean that's what's going to come out of the
8 legislature.

9 JAY FISCHER: Is there any discussion about how this --
10 about the benefits or potentially from this for mining in the
11 state?

12 The federal regulations are horrendous and, you know, we
13 saw an example earlier of our well and the parcel map and the
14 place we chose to do business for the county was on private
15 land.

16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That has not been discussed
17 individually, but it has been in general. Because we're looking
18 at mineral rights back to state along with it. So that, we've
19 just hit the edges of it. But we haven't gone into what they
20 would be recommending yet.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: How many states are represented in
22 this task force?

23 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Nevada.

24 COMMISSIONER MASON: Just Nevada?

25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It's a state -- SB 227 is just a
26 Nevada bill. So your task force is set up with 17
27 commissioners.

28 COMMISSIONER MASON: But how many other states are doing
29 the same thing?

30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Uh --

31 COMMISSIONER MASON: Six?

32 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We know --

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: More than six?

34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, there are several of them
35 considering it. But Utah was the only one that I'm aware of
36 that actually passed the law to go ahead. And now, they've
37 created the task force. So we created the task force before we
38 passed any laws. So we're opposite and looking to them. But
39 there's many that are watching all of us considering it from New
40 Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon, Arizona.

1 JAY FISCHER: One last question. So you said Utah is
2 considering this or has passed a law to --
3 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Request.
4 JAY FISCHER: -- reclaim some public, some federally-held
5 land back to the state. And they're in the middle of a legal
6 fight right now. Is there anybody that's successfully done
7 this?
8 COMMISSIONER MASON: Not since -- what? Missouri. Was it
9 Missouri?
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I understand Montana. Montana did --
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: No, way back.
12 JAY FISCHER: Louisiana Purchase days.
13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Montana did something. Not Louisiana
14 Purchase -- Montana did something, but I don't --
15 JAY FISCHER: Okay.
16 COMMISSIONER WAITS: -- remember how successful it was.
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: It was tried in the -- in what? the
18 early 80s was the last effort to get our land back. Basically,
19 the land that's in question is what BLM maintains or claims they
20 maintain.
21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Wyoming did it in late 80s. They
22 took -- they didn't -- well, they didn't let them take what they
23 wanted.
24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: It was Wyoming.
25 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Blue Ribbon Coalition and all that.
26 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes. It was.
27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They didn't let them. Basically, by
28 doing this, they held strong. And they wanted to take the whole
29 top of the state and make it a national park and all that.
30 Remember that? When Yellowstone was on fire and all that. And
31 they said everything should be theirs. And they -- they
32 definitely -- they held their ground and they won it. They
33 didn't get it.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: That was the one I was thinking was
35 Montana. He's right. It's Wyoming.
36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's Montana, that whole corner.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Yes.
38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They were trying to take everything
39 and make it -- that whole chunk of that state.
40 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: National parks.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And that Blue Ribbon Coalition thing,
2 they took all that. And they were pretty strong with it and
3 they never got it.
4 COMMISSIONER MASON: I think one of the things mentioned
5 here by Commissioner Waits was the fact that the management team
6 or to manage our own property as a state, the state would have
7 to take the -- take the bull by the horns and develop agencies
8 to manage everything that BLM manages now. I mean, I use BLM as
9 a signal.
10 JAY FISCHER: Yeah. A lot of that's already in place. I
11 mean, it's expanding those areas and (indiscernible) --
12 COMMISSIONER MASON: But see what's happening --
13 JAY FISCHER: -- services.
14 COMMISSIONER MASON: -- she mentioned the multipurpose and
15 our cattle industry is being ruined.
16 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Is this really part of this?
17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Because what the United States
18 government is doing.
19 JAY FISCHER: Yeah. I understand. No, I understand the
20 point. And I appreciate the update.
21 COMMISSIONER MASON: I mean, they have one person at the
22 head. And they dictate to all the states how we're going to do
23 something and there's no individuality there.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I think we're getting a little
25 off --
26 COMMISSIONER MASON: Yeah, whatever.
27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- this.
28 Do you have anything else, Patsy?
29 COMMISSIONER MASON: But it is part of the discussion.
30 COMMISSIONER WAITS: No, thank you. I always appreciate
31 the opportunity.
32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. Let's move on to Item
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1 23) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of a
2 contract between Lander County and Van Woert/Bigotti
3 Architects for architectural design and engineering services
4 for the Battle Mountain Recreation Center project and other
5 matters properly related thereto.
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7 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
8 regarding approval of a contract between Lander County and Van
9 Woert/Bigotti Architects for the architectural design and
10 engineering services for the Battle Mountain Recreation Center
11 project and other matters properly related thereto.

12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion that we accept the
13 architects for the architectural design and engineering services
14 for the Battle Mountain Recreational Center Project.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And authorize the Vice Chair to
16 sign.

17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- for Van Woert. Did I say Van
18 Woert and Bigotti? For Van Woert and Bigotti architectural firm
19 and authorize the chair to sign.

20 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Has the DA reviewed the service
21 agreement?

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes.

23 NICOLE TING: This was reviewed by POOL/PACT attorney Steve
24 Balkenbush.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It's all been approved. We've
26 been waiting three months for it.

27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: And we just got it back? Right?

28 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Mm-hm.

29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.

30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do we have a second?

31 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I'll second that motion.

32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?

33 (No comment.)

34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

35 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.

36 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

37 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

39 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any opposed?

40 (None opposed.)

1 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Let's go on to Item Number 24.

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3 24) Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the
4 recommendation of the Community Services Officer hiring
5 Committee to hire Jan Morrison as Lander County Community
6 Services Officer, to begin December 4, 2013; authorization
7 for the Chairman to sign the Letter of Offer; and other
8 matters properly related thereto.
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10 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
11 regarding approval of the recommendation of the Community
12 Service Office Hiring Committee to hire Jan Morrison as the
13 Lander County Community Services Officer, to begin January -- or
14 to begin December 4th, 2013; and authorize for the Chairman to
15 sign the Letter of Offer; and other matters properly related
16 thereto..

17 COMMISSIONER GARNER: December.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: For the record, I would like to note
19 that Ms. Morrison is a business associate and a friend. And I
20 will recuse myself from discussion and vote.

21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: December 4th. That means she already
22 began.

23 ROGENE HILL: Okay. No, it was -- she was concerned
24 because at that time didn't realize that Gina would stay on a
25 little longer, probably an additional month to, help out. So we
26 put the option out there that during the period of -- I think it
27 wasn't the fourth. It was supposed to be the Monday after the
28 meeting, the 16th, through January 4th, I think, is what it was,
29 in order that on an hourly rate that she could come in for a
30 couple of hours -- or not a couple of hours -- a couple of days.
31 But I believe that she has talked to Gina in the meantime. And
32 she is just going to start on the January, I believe it's
33 January 6th.

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So we need that date.

35 ROGENE HILL: Pardon me.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: We need to read that date into the
37 motion.

38 ROGENE HILL: Yes. I think you have your --

39 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It might be January 6th.

40 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: There's no letter for the Chair to

1 sign. Rogene already signed the letter.
2 ROGENE HILL: Yes.
3 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. So --
4 ROGENE HILL: But then you need to go back to the PA also.
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So --
6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: January 6th.
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I make a motion to -- of the approval
8 of hiring of Jan notice -- or Jan Morrison as the Lander County
9 Services Officer and to begin work on January 6th, 2014.
10 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do I have a second?
11 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'll second it.
12 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
13 COMMISSIONER MASON: I want to say that I've heard the
14 recommendations that this lady is more than qualified. And I
15 think we're doing the county a great service by hiring her.
16 That's all.
17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
18 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
21 Any opposed?
22 (None opposed.)
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24 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Now, we need to go back to 5.
25 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yep. I just --

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28 **PAYROLL CHANGE REQUESTS**
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30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And now we need to go back to
31 Payroll Change Requests and do number 5, which is approval of
32 Employee #1350, new hire, --
33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's not obvious.
34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- it's part-time Community
35 Services Officer?
36 ROGENE HILL: If you look at it, it's part-time. And then
37 underneath there full-time.
38 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh, and full-time Community
39 Services Officer, --
40 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- because we're not using the
2 part-time.
3 ROGENE HILL: Exactly. Yes.
4 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Motion -- motion to --
6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Approve her as a full-time.
7 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- approve Employee #1350.
8 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do I have a second?
9 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.
10 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Once again, I will recuse myself from
11 this vote.
12 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Any public comment?
13 (No comment.)
14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?
15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.
16 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.
17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.
18 All right. Let's go to Item Number 25.
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20 **25) Discussion for possible action regarding a possible change to**
21 **the current weekly work schedule of Monday through Friday, to**
22 **a four (4) day work week or another hourly work schedule, for**
23 **Lander County employees/office personnel and other matters**
24 **properly related thereto.**
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26 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
27 regarding a possible change to the current weekly work schedule
28 of Monday through Friday, to a four-day work week and other
29 matters -- and other hourly work schedules, for Lander County
30 employees/office personnel and other matters properly related
31 thereto.

32 We have a --

33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'll read it into the record for Dean
34 Bullock.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Thank you.

36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: (Reading from document written by
37 Dean Bullock.)

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39 As a public entity, we have a responsibility to provide
40 services to best serve those in our jurisdiction. It is

1 imperative that the hours of operation are available five
2 days a week to best serve the people. We have a
3 responsibility to the people to provide the best available
4 hours for people to do their business as needed within the
5 community -- correction -- within the County. Although a set
6 schedule could be set by Commissioners, I feel we need to
7 trust our elected officials and department heads to be aware
8 of their needs and their operations and to ensure that the
9 best service is available to those in this county. Thus,
10 coverage should be as good on Friday as it is on Monday. At
11 this time, we need to encourage that this takes place before
12 mandating a county-wide schedule for all departments.

13 For the record, Dean Bullock.

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15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And I think the NRS says that we
16 have to be open 40 hours a week. It says that the offices have
17 to be open.

18 COMMISSIONER MASON: I would like to make a comment. Are
19 you done?

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Go ahead.

21 COMMISSIONER MASON: We have the new structure going up for
22 our county. We're all going to be under the same roof with the
23 exception of Road and Bridge and Water and Sewer. And at that
24 time, we're going to have to look at more than just one -- one
25 or two policies. We're going to have to look at a lot of
26 policies. And I think it would be a good idea to defer this
27 item until we're in the new building, and we've had a chance to
28 see how it's working physically.

29 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We're not making any changes
30 right now. We're leaving it up to the elected officials to make
31 sure their offices are open 40 hours a week, at adequate
32 coverage.

33 So that if somebody comes in on Friday and they need
34 something, there's person there that can do it unless it's an
35 emergency for something that they're gone. But they should be
36 able to -- if it's a Tuesday or a Wednesday or a Thursday or a
37 Friday or a Monday, if they need something or anybody else in
38 the county, even if it's another office, there could be somebody
39 there present that can answer their questions.

40 That's my thought on it. And just let this ride and see if

1 it happens. If it isn't and we get more complaints, then the
2 Commissioners may have to come in and dictate a schedule and
3 make sure there's adequate there.
4 Do you agree with that, Brian?
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No.
6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: What are you thinking?
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: You want to go with that?
8 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: That's what Dean said. I'm
9 agreeing within what Dean said. We need --
10 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I agree with that, but plus more.
11 I've talked to so many people in the public. And I've been beat
12 up so much just as the -- just portraying what the people have
13 called and told me from the old-timers to people that don't even
14 know where the Building Department is. They want it open Monday
15 through Friday, eight days a week -- or eight hours a day.
16 ROGENE HILL: It is.
17 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: It is.
18 ROGENE HILL: It is. It is.
19 COMMISSIONER GARNER: There's -- okay. I'll go here with
20 you. I've called several times to get you on a Friday, and
21 you're not there.
22 ROGENE HILL: Yes, I'm not there. No, that's right,
23 because I work a four ten.
24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So how am I going to get those
25 answers out of your office?
26 ROGENE HILL: From my help. I have Cindy there. She can
27 do anything that needs to be covered.
28 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I've then been transferred to Soveida
29 in the previous. And Soveida was not there.
30 ROGENE HILL: Soveida was -- after the complaints came --
31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: So then I've been traded to --
32 ROGENE HILL: -- we switched --
33 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Then I was switched to other people
34 --
35 ROGENE HILL: -- Monday.
36 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- and they were not there.
37 ROGENE HILL: Monday. Monday is at --
38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'm just telling you -- I'm just
39 telling you my personal experience.
40 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And there's a whole bunch of other
2 people in this community that have the same experience.
3 ROGENE HILL: And I can always be reached at home or on
4 cell phone if you need to get ahold of me on a Friday.
5 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah, but I'm not going to take
6 the -- I don't want to be bothered at home --
7 ROGENE HILL: I don't mind.
8 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- although people do. But I'm not
9 going to call your home. If you're supposed to be at work or
10 that's -- there's somebody in the office that's what --
11 ROGENE HILL: Yes, there is.
12 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- I'm after.
13 ROGENE HILL: Yes, other than on Friday at lunch. And we
14 rotate the schedules to cover.
15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That's all I'm saying. The count --
16 the county, the taxpayers as a whole want to be able to building
17 department to whatever -- want to be able to have somebody
18 there.
19 ROGENE HILL: Right.
20 COMMISSIONER MASON: I'm going to make a motion that we
21 defer this until the new building's finished and we've moved in.
22 We can take another look at this policy at that time.
23 ROGENE HILL: -- so it continues as is.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do I have a second?
25 (No comment.)
26 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Motion dies.
27 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I think I need a clarification here.
28 We've got some employees on four ten and we've got some
29 employees on eight hours five days a week. And Brian is
30 concerned about everybody that's actually not there at certain
31 times.
32 So I guess my question is: If we don't do anything, it
33 stays as is.
34 ROGENE HILL: Right.
35 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So the other option is: Are you
36 considering putting everybody back on forty hours a week, five
37 days at eight hours?
38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yes. That's what the -- that's what
39 the taxpayers would like. Yes.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Well, we got the input from our

1 public.

2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Half of your -- and like what Dave's
3 saying, three quarters of your building is going to be that way
4 when we you get over there. So either we do it now or we do it
5 then. You know, what I mean? We're -- we're up against a -- I
6 don't know --

7 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: I have a comment, if I may. And
8 hopefully nobody throws anything at me.

9 Sadie Sullivan for the record.

10 I do know that at times that when we have called over
11 there -- and this isn't pertaining -- I don't want to sound
12 terrible or whatever. But in my case, if I've needed HR or
13 other departments have needed HR. And they had that Friday off
14 and were struggling or whatever, what have you. We have to
15 wait, and there's situations. And so it's not to be ornery.
16 But as I've talked to department heads and elected officials
17 over here. There is a frustration, I feel, my personal opinion,
18 from what I've talked to them. We do call and we may not have
19 that help because they aren't available whether it's a Friday or
20 a Monday. So I think that's a lot of it from other county
21 employees is when we call over there, we have that frustration.
22 Because sometimes we can't get the answers or we need them. And
23 some things may seem like a crisis and some aren't. You know,
24 and so it just kind of depends. So I think that's kind of an
25 issue.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And I guess that's where if I call to
27 talk to Soveida, I don't want to talk to you. I want to talk to
28 Soveida in my -- in my situation.

29 ROGENE HILL: Sure. Yes.

30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: If I call to talk to HR, I want to
31 talk to HR. That's specifically -- you know what I'm trying to
32 say?

33 ROGENE HILL: Yeah.

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And I know you're covering for her,
35 but I don't want to have to tell my story twice. If you're
36 covering for her or somebody's covering for HR --

37 ROGENE HILL: Right.

38 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- or Gina's covering for Joe or
39 Joe's covering for --

40 ROGENE HILL: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- Cindy. Or you know what I'm
2 trying to say? I get that's where -- that's where I'm at. And
3 I think that's where a lot of concerns I've taken in is people
4 are duplicating their process to get through to whatever.
5 You're trying to get to Joe, but you get to Anna. But Anna
6 can't do the exact same thing as Joe can do. So then you're --
7 you're peddling twice.

8 ROGENE HILL: Well, you're always going to have the sick --
9 on the off side of that. You're always going to have vacations
10 and you know --

11 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I understand.

12 ROGENE HILL: -- and you look at the annex over there,
13 you've got everybody that is with 240 hours sick leave. You
14 always, you know, you're always -- no matter if it's in the
15 annex or over here. Everybody deals with the --

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And I understand that.

17 ROGENE HILL: You're always going to have that.

18 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But then, on top of that, as you say
19 that, --

20 ROGENE HILL: Yes. Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER GARNER: On top of that, you then take your
22 Fridays or Mondays away, you really are lacking that employee.

23 ROGENE HILL: But in the HR, that's on a nine 80 schedule,
24 so it's every other Monday.

25 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: The only trouble too with the
26 county is -- not to sound bad again -- is it's almost like I
27 need to mark my calendar and know, okay, these Fridays these
28 people are off. These Mondays, this Monday these people are
29 off. So then I know, don't waste your phone call because, you
30 know, you can't reach them or whatever.

31 And then also with a holiday, if there's the Monday
32 holiday, then that person if they've had a Monday off, they get
33 the Tuesday off, because that was their scheduled day or
34 whatever have you. So there's complaints from elected officials
35 and other county employees that here they end up with a four-day
36 weekend to where the other people ended up with a three-day
37 weekend. So I'm kind of stepping up and being a bad person for
38 everybody, but that's what the talk is, you know, also is that
39 --

40 ROGENE HILL: Doesn't matter. Whatever the choice is of

1 the Commission.

2 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I guess the thing is it looks unfair
3 to a lot of people from the outside looking in. It looks
4 unfair.

5 ROGENE HILL: That's fine.

6 NICOLE TING: Nicole Ting for the record.

7 Just logistics on this to implement this. Currently, the
8 county has contracted with the union to provide the employees
9 they can choose. So I think the motion would have to be phrased
10 upon next negotiation that would be take out the contractor.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Or -- well, basically, the only
12 ones we can cover are the ones that are at will.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's in our --

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We have control over it.

15 COMMISSIONER GARNER: It's in the code that it says it's an
16 option. The nine 80 is an option.

17 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Then they'll recognize it. The
18 union will recognize the nine 80. So that way it doesn't cause
19 any union grievances.

20 ROGENE HILL: Right. Right. It recognizes all work
21 schedules. Five.

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But it is up to the Commission --

23 ROGENE HILL: Five days, nine 80, and four 10.

24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- in the code is up to the
25 Commission to set the schedule. Which --

26 NICOLE TING: Okay.

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: That was presented to us at our last
28 open thing downtown.

29 COMMISSIONER WAITS: When would you be looking to implement
30 this?

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I'm just -- I don't. If the board
32 choses, I don't know. That's just what -- I'm just getting
33 hammered. But like January 1st or something. I don't know.

34 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Justin.

35 JUSTIN MOORE: I think a lot of the -- Justin Moore, IT. I
36 think a lot of what has brought this to the head or a major
37 topic is the fact that there has been a lot of people that have
38 been called and you haven't been in the office. And I think
39 that the warning flag has gone up to all the department heads
40 saying, hey, this has come to our attention that we have

1 inadequate coverage and brought to the public and then to the
2 Commission and now the department heads know that there is a
3 problem.

4 I agree with what Dean has said. Let it ride. And let the
5 department heads take care of their departments and make sure
6 they're providing proper coverage and not a lapse in coverage
7 like Brian has experienced and some of the other people have
8 experienced in the community. If it's properly ran, I think it
9 doesn't matter what the schedule is, unless you have a very
10 small department, such as HR. That's an obvious area where you
11 can't do that or provide adequate coverage because of the
12 staggered days.

13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Unfortunately, that's the problem,
14 Justin, is that so many of these, as in your own position --

15 JUSTIN MOORE: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: -- so many positions in this -- we
17 don't have a large HR department. We don't have a large IT
18 department. We don't -- so it makes it difficult. And I --
19 I'm -- I don't know. I just. I can only act on behalf of the
20 people of Lander County.

21 JUSTIN MOORE: And I agree with what you're saying.

22 COMMISSIONER GARNER: But it does make it very difficult
23 to. For contractors, for just anybody as a whole. I mean if --

24 JUSTIN MOORE: Right. But for those departments who do
25 have enough personnel to go on a rotating schedule, they should
26 be able to --

27 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: It's up to them to do that. But
28 the Commission can set -- the NRS says we have to be open 40
29 hours a week. And the Commission can set those hours.

30 ROGENE HILL: Yes.

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: I don't want to have to be guy that
32 -- trust me. I'd rather be milking cows right now.

33 COMMISSIONER MASON: You should have seconded my motion.

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Well, it's going to come to a head
35 either --

36 COMMISSIONER MASON: I know. Now or later.

37 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yep.

38 COMMISSIONER MASON: That's the whole point.

39 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: Now. It's came to a head now.

40 That's why it's on the agenda. So they have a couple more years

1 out for the building. So you're going to have it brought back,
2 if you don't take care of it now.

3 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mark.

4 MARK BRETHAUER: I was just curious to know -- I've just
5 been here six months. And when I first arrived, Dave and I were
6 talking about schedules. And he explained to me that there were
7 a lot of different departments that had different schedules.
8 And his impression was probably as an engineer I needed to be
9 here the five eights. And that was always at my previous
10 location we were there. And we had contractors working the five
11 eights. So you know, naturally they wanted to have an engineer
12 there as well.

13 I just discovered here not too long ago that Carson City
14 did change their Public Work's schedule to a four ten. What
15 they were having problems with was staggered crews on Mondays
16 and Fridays. And you only had like three people on either one
17 of those days. And they found out that they were really losing
18 efficiency because they had smaller crews and couldn't get a lot
19 of work done. So they went to -- they went ahead and changed
20 their policy to where it was a four ten. But everybody has the
21 four ten schedule. And they basically -- it wasn't an
22 energy-saving measure. It was actually a more efficiency, more
23 efficient way to run the department. So that everybody was on
24 the four ten schedule. They closed down the county offices on
25 that one Friday.

26 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And that's -- you're exactly right.
27 And that would be effective, but we'd have to close the whole
28 county.

29 MARK BRETHAUER: Exactly. But that's what Carson --

30 COMMISSIONER GARNER: And that's what we got. We got some
31 here, some there, some. I mean, it's ineffective. It should be
32 unitized, I think, is the word. The public's perception is it
33 should be unitized. It should be -- like --

34 MARK BRETHAUER: -- public works, because we had minimal
35 interaction with the public. So they said it was okay to go
36 ahead and to go ahead and close that office that one day a week.
37 The state was thinking about that as a cost-saving measure too
38 at one point. We were going to piggy back off of them and close
39 their offices one day a week as well. But since, they decided
40 not to we went one direction.

1 JUSTIN MOORE: Now is the -- is this just for
2 administrative and other related offices or other departments?
3 ROGENE HILL: They're all on four tens.
4 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: They're all on that kind of
5 schedule.
6 UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Does this affect them?
7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do understand.
8 ROGENE HILL: Well, are you talking administrative? What
9 about your Public Works? Will you leave those?
10 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: They would stay the same because
11 that's their -- They're efficient right now.
12 ROGENE HILL: They're four ten.
13 COMMISSIONER GARNER: They're not direct public access.
14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: And most of them have to travel
15 so far to do -- I mean, especially with Road and Bridge -- that
16 the -- and they rotate. And they make sure they have people out
17 there to plow. I mean, they work Saturday and Sunday plowing
18 roads. Because I saw the plow go by on Sunday.
19 ROGENE HILL: Yes.
20 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: So I mean, they're out there
21 doing their thing and that. So it's a little different. We're
22 more talking more administrative portions --
23 ROGENE HILL: Right.
24 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: -- of it.
25 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I do understand why people like the
26 three day -- three days off in a row.
27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Oh, yeah.
28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But it's interesting because the way
29 the labor situation sets up things is anything over eight hours
30 is often considered overtime. And why is that considered
31 overtime? Because a person is working more than the level that
32 they need to be working at.
33 ROGENE HILL: It's in a week.
34 COMMISSIONER WAITS: So therefore you're thinking about ten
35 hours, we may have two hours that really --
36 ROGENE HILL: No.
37 COMMISSIONER WAITS: They're not in their full -- that's
38 why we take breaks and lunches and things like that.
39 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Mm-hm.
40 COMMISSIONER WAITS: But there's still some other surveys

1 that are out saying a ten-hour day is too difficult for the
2 person who's working. You're not getting the full value of
3 somebody fresh for eight hours. So considering that, too,
4 that's -- okay, I'll make a motion we defer this to the next
5 meeting and have Dean's personal input.

6 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I know, but he hasn't been in the
8 discussion.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: I heard a first and a second.
10 Any other public comment?

11 (No comment.)

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor?

13 COMMISSIONER MASON: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Aye.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER WAITS: We copped out.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Yep. We copped out. We'll make
19 Dean be here with us.

20 COMMISSIONER GARNER: You copped out. For the record.

21 COUNTY CLERK SULLIVAN: And you agreed to it.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. We have Number 26.

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25 **COURTHOUSE/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT**

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27 **26) Discussion for possible action regarding status of the Lander**
28 **County Courthouse/Administration Building Project and other**
29 **matters properly related thereto.**
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31 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Discussion for possible action
32 regarding the status of the Lander County Courthouse/
33 Administration Building Project and other matters properly
34 related thereto.

35 So you know, Max is in Las Vegas, at stuff. He called me
36 and left a message. There's not really much of an update,
37 except we for we did get approval from NV Energy for the solar
38 power on the covered -- and put in for the covered parking, if
39 we decide to do that. So our request would be -- the only thing
40 it wasn't for 100,000. It was for \$10 less than 100,000. It

1 was for nine hundred -- \$99,990 is what we get reimbursed on our
2 reimbursement for that project.

3 COMMISSIONER MASON: And that's another agenda item; isn't
4 it?

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Right. That's completely -- but
6 I'm just -- this was just the update. He asked me let everybody
7 know that we did get that approval from NV Energy. Whether we
8 do it or not, we don't -- it's no penalty if we don't decide to
9 do it. But if we do decide to do it, at least we get their
10 reimbursement.

11 All right. Now, we'll go to Item 27.

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14 **COMMISSIONERS**

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16 **27) Correspondence/reports/potential upcoming agenda items.**

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18 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Correspondence/reports/potential
19 upcoming agenda items.

20 Do you have anything?

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22 (The following correspondence was received:

23 1. Dagny Stapleton, NACO, to Lander County Commissioners,
24 e-mail regarding November 1, 2013 Nevada Land Management Task
25 Force Meeting Summary.

26 2. Kenneth Brown, Western Counties Alliance, to Lander
27 County Commissioners, e-mail regarding Bipartisan PILT Letter.)

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29 COMMISSIONER GARNER: No. The heater's not working.

30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: In here?

31 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Outside.

32 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Oh, outside. We need more solar
33 power.

34 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Yeah.

35 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right. We'll go to public
36 comment for non-agendized items only.

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1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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3 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Do we have any?

4 JUSTIN MOORE: What's the proposed square footage of the
5 solar array?

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Don't know. It's the maximum we
7 can get. We can only get a hundred -- whatever it is that we
8 can do maximum. And that's what the square footage is.

9 JUSTIN MOORE: Is that going to be the type of installation
10 where initially we had and ROI for us --

11 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Public comment.

12 JUSTIN MOORE: -- and we start making (indiscernible) --

13 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Cannot comment.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Cannot comment on that.

15 JUSTIN MOORE: Okay. All right.

16 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Thanks, Patsy.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All right.

18 COMMISSIONER WAITS: Done.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: We need one more.
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22 ADJOURNMENT

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24 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Make a motion to adjourn.

25 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

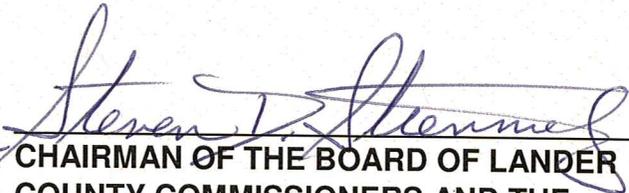
26 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: All in favor.

27 COMMISSIONER GARNER: Due to traffic.

28 COMMISSIONER WAITS: I agree. Holiday greetings to
29 everyone.

30 VICE CHAIRMAN STIENMETZ: Merry Christmas.
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**VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF LANDER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE
LANDER COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**

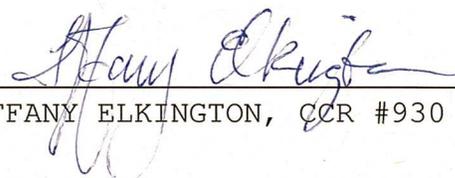
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LANDER COUNTY CLERK

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8 I, TIFFANY ELKINGTON, A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER, DO HEREBY
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10 CERTIFY THAT I WAS PRESENT IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE
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12 LANDER COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE STATE OF NEVADA, ON THE 12TH
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14 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013, AND REPORTED THE FOREGOING PROCEEDINGS;
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16 THAT THE SAME IS FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT AS REFLECTED BY MY
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23 DATED AT BATTLE MOUNTAIN, NEVADA,
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